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## P R E F A C E

IT was my intention to follow the volume of Introduction already published by a further volume dealing with the Bristol courts. This, however, has been postponed because the collection of the necessary evidence is proving a longer task than I anticipated ; the publication of this volume in the meantime was therefore decided upon.

It will be noticed that I have included neither a translation of the Latin and French documents nor a glossary, and these omissions call for some explanation. As to the first, I have always entertained some doubts as to the value of a translation in the case of such a text as the present, but quite apart from this consideration the omission is necessary in the interests of space, since the present volume contains less than a third of the complete text. As to the second, it is my intention to include a glossary in my last volume.

I am much indebted to Professor Malcolm Lewis and to Mr. W. L. Cooper for valuable suggestions from time to time ; to the Colston Research Society for grants towards the cost of the present research ; to the Imperial Tobacco Company for their excellent photographs of the manuscript ; to Miss Harding, until recently Bristol archivist, for the facilities which she so readily afforded me ; to Mr. Gordon Savage for reading the proofs ; and to Miss Franks for the preparation of the index.

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## NOTES AS TO THE TRANSCRIPTION

Two Runes, the thorn, *ȥ*, and the sign, *Ʒ*, occur occasionally in the manuscript; these have been transcribed as "th" and "z" respectively.

Punctuation is marked in the manuscript by inverted semicolons, oblique strokes, full stops, and by various signs to indicate the end of paragraphs. The inverted semicolon has been transcribed, wherever it occurred, as a semicolon, the oblique stroke as a comma, and any other sign as a full stop.

The abbreviations *G.R.B.* for *The Great Red Book of Bristol* and *L.R.B.* for *The Little Red Book of Bristol* have been employed in the footnotes. In the case of the latter, the references are to the printed text edited by Bickley.

## *Errata*

### GREAT RED BOOK OF BRISTOL

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Page 7, f.n. 1—

*Add after the words* Ita quod maior et consiliarii  
    . . . *the words* sui qui communitatem rectificanti  
    preficiant . . .

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## INTRODUCTORY NOTE

### *A description of the volume.*

*The Great Red Book of Bristol* contains three hundred and twenty pages, of which eleven at the beginning, eight in the middle and nine at the end are of vellum ; the remaining pages, which are 15 in. by 11½ in., are of paper, which, from the water-mark, would appear to have been made in the middle of the fourteenth century. The volume is bound in boards covered with stamped leather of the fifteenth century, the colour of which makes it clear that the name of the volume is not derived from the present binding ; it is to be presumed that it has been rebound, and its original binding may have been, and probably was, similar to that of *The Little Red Book*.

### *The arrangement of the volume.*

The volume contains copies of a few thirteenth-century and early fourteenth-century documents, but the bulk of its contents are of the later fourteenth, the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. Although the earliest dated documents are enrolled in the opening folios, there is otherwise no semblance of chronological order ; fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth-century documents are intermingled throughout. This arrangement might be accounted for by supposing that the entries were made on loose sheets which were subsequently bound together ; but this suggestion can be dismissed, not only for its inherent improbability, but because, both in the volume itself and in *The Little Red Book* the volume is several times referred to as a "book." The only alternative suggestion is that, for some reason, entries were not made consecutively, and that sometimes a considerable number of blank pages were left between one entry and the next in order of date. This may have been done to secure a rough classification of the contents, and it is certainly a fact that groups of similar entries are frequently found.

### *The date of its commencement and its purpose.*

To fix the date at which *The Great Red Book* was commenced is difficult. The first entry is of a deed, dated in 1240, followed



by an undated concord between Bristol and Southampton, a mandate from the Archbishop of Canterbury dated in 1301, and a writ dated in 1374; then comes an undated deed and a memorandum of its enrolment dated in 1376, and this is followed by copies of the return of the jurors to an inquisition made in 1285, of a writ of 1331, of the return of the jurors to an inquisition made in 1331, and of three undated documents which, since they relate to the subject-matter of the inquisition, must have been of about the same date. The next document copied is dated 1382.

I need hardly remind the reader that there is no necessary relation between the date of an original document and the date at which it was copied into *The Great Red Book*, and it cannot, therefore, be assumed that the volume was commenced in 1240, the date of its first document. The first entry which can be dated is that of the deed referred to above, which, as the memorandum shows, was enrolled on the 1st April, 1376; the memorandum begins as follows:—

“Ista carta supradicta mercatur coram Willelmo Canyngus  
[sic] tunc maiore ville Bristollie etc. . . . ad specialem  
et personalem rogatum tam Willelmi Hulle etc.  
*in isto paupiro imperpetuum permansura.*”

If the handwriting of the Memorandum of Enrolment of 1376 be compared with the entries of the earlier documents it will be observed that the resemblance is sufficiently close to warrant the inference that the entries were made at about the same time, and probably by the same hand, and it may therefore be inferred that *The Great Red Book* was commenced in the latter part of the fourteenth century, and even, since the deed and memorandum are so near the beginning of the volume, in about the year 1376. There is, however, further evidence which supports this view.

In 1373 Edward III granted a charter to Bristol which included a provision<sup>1</sup> that the Mayor of Bristol for the time being should have power to receive and record recognizances of charters and other writings touching lands and tenements within the town, and that such charters and writings, after being duly enrolled in the rolls of the Guildhall, should be of record from thenceforth towards all persons whatsoever, just as were charters and writings recognized and enrolled in the Chancery and the other King's Courts.

<sup>1</sup> *Bristol Charters*, ed. Harding, Bristol Record Society, p. 133.



If *The Great Red Book* be compared with *The Little Red Book*, the dissimilarity of their contents is apparent ; the most striking difference is the fact that whereas there are upwards of 200 deeds and wills enrolled in the former, there are scarcely a dozen in the latter, and although the former undoubtedly contains a number of ordinances and other documents of a public or quasi-public nature, these are, on the whole, later in date than the deeds, and the original purpose of the volume was evidently not for enrolments of this kind. It may be inferred from the number of deeds enrolled in it that *The Great Red Book* was intended to record those transactions referred to in Edward III's charter.

The presence in *The Great Red Book* of ordinances and other public or quasi-public documents which are alien to its original purpose may, perhaps, be accounted for by the fact that *The Little Red Book* was nearly completed by the middle of the fifteenth century, and advantage may then have been taken of the blank pages in *The Great Red Book* to continue entries of this kind.

*The contents of the volume.*

The portion of *The Great Red Book* now transcribed includes copies of various documents, of which the most important are deeds and wills, a return to an inquisition made in Bristol in 1285, safe-conducts and licenses to trade, and ordinances of various kinds.

I have dealt with the deeds and wills in that portion of the *Introduction to the Great Red Book* already published. It will be noticed that for the purposes of the present volume, these documents have been abstracted and not transcribed in full, and although such a course is open to criticism, it was felt to be justified since the documents follow well-recognized forms.

The return to the Inquest of 1285 is notable. This is the inquisition known as Kirby's Quest, and the entry is of peculiar interest for the mass of information it gives as to Bristol in the thirteenth century—evidence which is all the more valuable because the Hundred Rolls tell us so little. Most of this entry may be left to speak for itself, but there are some points worthy of special notice.

From the first article we know that Bristol had the return

deeds and  
wills.

Kirby's  
Quest.



of estreats and summonses of the Exchequer,<sup>1</sup> and although the jurors' answer does not deal with writs generally, other evidence shows that Bristol had the return of these also.<sup>2</sup> When Bristol was made a county in 1373, with a sheriff of its own, it not only had the return of all writs, but these latter were henceforth to be directed to the Sheriff of Bristol and not to the Sheriff of Gloucester as theretofore. The answer to Article 3 supplies a long list of Bristol tenements in respect of which suit was owed both to the hundred<sup>3</sup> and to the market court; but since I hope to deal hereafter with the Bristol courts, consideration of this important evidence is deferred. The curious incident of Tina Castri, referred to in the answer to Article 7 is dealt with in Volume I of the *Introduction*, as is the answer to the 15th Article, which deals with langable rents withheld.

Safe-conducts  
and Licenses  
to Trade.

What appears to be a unique feature of the volume is the enrolment of safe-conducts and licenses to trade. Those which are entered in the portion of *The Great Red Book* now transcribed are the first of a large number of such documents contained in the whole volume, ranging in date from 1451 to 1474. Throughout this period England and France were in a state of acknowledged enmity. A truce had expired in 1449, and from that date until the autumn of 1453 active hostilities were in progress, in the course of which the French gained possession of all the English dominions in Normandy and the South of France. No formal truce was made until 1463;<sup>4</sup> and that did not include the High Seas. In 1475, however, after an abortive campaign, a final truce was signed,<sup>5</sup> which included a provision that the

<sup>1</sup> See also *Constitutiones Ville Bristollie*, Corpus Christi Coll., Cambridge, MS. 405, f. 237 :—

“ . . . et quod summoniciones de scaccario sub viridi cera dirigantur . . . maiori et prepositis pro debitis domini Regis levandis Ita quod burgenses non sint in hoc inte(n)dentes vicecomiti sed per seipsos respondeant ad scaccarium. . . . ”

<sup>2</sup> *Coram Rege* Roll. Hil., 22 Edward I, m.xiii :—

“ Preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod venire faceret, etc. . . . maiorem et ballivos ville Bristollie ad respondendum Regi de hoc quod cum eis precepisset vicecomes quod scire facerent cuidam matilde filie Mathei le Parker per retornatum brevis domini Regis eis facti quod esset coram Rege, etc. . . . ”

See also *Coram Rege* Roll. Hil., 20 Edward I, m.xlvii and cf. *ibid.*, Trin., 20 Edward I, m.vii.

<sup>3</sup> A later list of suitors to the Hundred Court is to be found in the *L.R.B.*, ed. Bickley, vol. i, pp. 13 *sqq.*

<sup>4</sup> *Foed.*, xi, 508.

<sup>5</sup> *Foed.*, xii, 17.



ships of each party might freely visit the ports of the other without safe-conduct.

Both the licenses to trade and the safe-conducts were an outcome of the war. On the one hand, English subjects (and, indeed, alien merchants trading in England) were forbidden to visit enemy ports without licence.<sup>1</sup> The majority of the licences in *The Great Red Book* specify the places with which trade was allowed, and these are found to be either places in French occupation or belonging to countries allied with France. In the remainder the permit is for any place whatsoever, and in one case<sup>2</sup> it is added "adverse or other." There is no licence of a later date than the truce.

On the other hand, a ship from an enemy port was liable to capture unless it had a safe-conduct. Although all but one or two of the safe-conducts were issued to English subjects, many of them being natives of Aquitaine, they related to ships belonging to ports which, as in the case of the licences, were in French occupation or belonged to countries in alliance with France. The necessity for safe-conducts to protect such ships and the merchandise which they carried, no matter to whom it belonged, is shown by the legislation on the subject during the first half of the fifteenth century.

This legislation was the result of the lawless conditions on the seas at the end of the fourteenth and the beginning of the fifteenth centuries, produced mainly by the prolonged French war. During the reign of Henry IV, the keeping of the seas was left almost entirely to private enterprise, and since this was rewarded by the profits derived from captures, piratical acts followed almost as a matter of course, and were, in fact, of constant occurrence, truces and safe-conducts being continually disregarded by all parties.

This state of affairs produced legislation in the time of Henry V. A statute passed in the second year of his reign<sup>3</sup> enacted that to rob or kill anyone protected by a truce or safe-conduct amounted to high treason, and provisions were made to ensure that culprits should be punished; these included the appointment of a conservator of truces and safe-conducts in every port, whose duty it was to inquire into all such offences as were committed on

<sup>1</sup> See *Rot. Parl.*, iii, p. 294 b, and vi, p. 66 b; cf. *ib.*, v, p. 245 b.

<sup>2</sup> *G.R.B.*, fo. 150.

<sup>3</sup> Cap. vi, *Statutes of the Realm*, ii, p. 178.



the High Seas, to administer an oath to all masters of ships before they left port, binding them to do nothing contrary to a truce or safe-conduct, and to inspect all prizes before they were sold. Hitherto there had been nothing in the way of formal adjudication of prizes.<sup>1</sup>

This statute appears to have been almost too effective, since two years later (in 1416) complaint was made in Parliament<sup>2</sup> that the King's enemies were breaking the truce with impunity because, owing to the statute, his lieges dared not retaliate. In consequence the statute was so far modified as to permit anyone who complained of injury to acquire letters of marque on application to the Keeper of the Privy Seal.<sup>3</sup>

This modification of the Statute of 2 Henry V proved insufficient, and in 1435 it was repealed for seven years, on the ground that it had rendered sea keeping ineffective.<sup>4</sup> It is not to be supposed, however, that the repeal of the statute made a safe-conduct useless; on the contrary, although an offender could no longer be tried for high treason, he could still be required to make good to a complainant the damage which he had inflicted, in addition to which it was the practice to compel the captor of an enemy ship to restore any goods of friendly countries.

This gave rise to a petition in Parliament, also in 1435,<sup>5</sup> complaining that merchants of non-belligerent countries were in the habit of claiming enemy goods as their own, to the great loss of the captors. It was therefore granted that, for three years, and saving any treaties made between the King and his allies, the goods of friendly merchants taken in enemy ships should be treated as lawful prize unless the ship had a safe-conduct. In 1439 another complaint was made<sup>6</sup> that English shipping was suffering because shipowners were so much troubled by the suits of merchants of friendly countries for goods taken in enemy ships, and attention was drawn to the fact that English goods so taken were forfeit. It was consequently enacted,<sup>7</sup> without

<sup>1</sup> Marsden, "Early Prize Jurisdiction and Prize Law in England," *English Historical Review*, vol. xxiv, p. 681.

<sup>2</sup> *Rot. Parl.*, iv, p. 105.

<sup>3</sup> Statute, 4 Henry V, cap. vii, *Statutes of the Realm*, ii, p. 198.

<sup>4</sup> Statute 14 Henry VI, cap. viii, *Statutes of the Realm*, iv, p. 294.

<sup>5</sup> *Rot. Parl.*, ii, p. 492.

<sup>6</sup> *Rot. Parl.*, v, p. 27.

<sup>7</sup> Statute 18 Henry VI, cap. viii, *Statutes of the Realm*, ii, p. 307.



any reservation, that goods of friendly states might be laded in such ships provided that they had safe-conducts, otherwise restoration would not be made.

It was found, however, that the protection afforded by a safe-conduct could be abused. Apparently it was not unusual to issue safe-conducts with a clause to the effect that a duly authenticated copy should be as effective as the original document ; and an ingenious Frenchman, who had a safe-conduct for himself and four ships, procured a number of such copies, under cover of which victuals were carried to various French ports which were then being blockaded by the English.<sup>1</sup> The sequel to this adventure was a petition to Parliament (1436), which led to an enactment<sup>2</sup> that in future the clause above referred to should only be allowed in very exceptional circumstances, and that every safe-conduct should contain the names of the persons to whom it was granted, the ship and the master, the number of mariners and the tonnage of the ship. This statute did not put an end to the forging of safe-conducts, which was another grievance, and in 1442, in response to further complaints that captors of enemy ships were being deprived of their prizes by means of false safe-conducts and documents, it was enacted<sup>3</sup> that all safe-conducts should be enrolled in Chancery before issue, and that any safe-conduct not so enrolled should be invalid ; it was also provided, however, that if a ship were captured which was in fact under a duly enrolled safe-conduct which, for any reason, could not be produced at the time of capture, the property taken might be recovered, though without penalty.

This legislation seems to have put an end to any suggestion of lack of enterprise on the part of English seamen ; and, indeed, before long there was a return to the piratical tendencies of the earlier part of the century.<sup>4</sup> In 1450 the Statute of 2 Henry V (the repeal of which had previously been extended) was re-enacted, though with some modifications.

The majority of the safe-conducts in *The Great Red Book* follow a common form, which includes not only the particulars

<sup>1</sup> Ramsay, *Lancaster and York*, i, p. 495.

<sup>2</sup> Statute 15 Henry VI, cap. iii, *Statutes of the Realm*, ii, p. 296.

<sup>3</sup> Statute 20 Henry VI, cap. i, *Statutes of the Realm*, ii, p. 315.

<sup>4</sup> Ramsay, *Lancaster and York*, ii, p. 102 and footnote.



required by the Statute of 15 Henry VI, but also the following clause :—

“ Proviso semper . . . . quod ipsi nullum castrorum Fortalicorum seu villarum nostrarum firmatarum absque eo quod ipsi presentes litteras nostras de salvo conductu capitaneis maioribus seu gubernatoribus eorundem primatus demonstrent ingrediantur quovismodo.”

*The Great Red Book* also contains certain ordinances relating to the treatment of ships coming to Bristol under safe-conducts, which show in some detail how this clause in safe-conducts was carried into effect. For the sake of completeness I am including a transcription of it in this place :—

“ Item hit is Ordeyned that of Euery Schipp' of Straungers comyng to Kynrode Under Saufconduct that there come' no moo to Towne butt iiij or v persoonys To Shewe thair Saufconduct and that they com'e nott withynne the yates of the Towne Tyll' they have lycence of the mair' for the tyme beyng.

“ Item that the seid' iiij or v persoonys So com' yng to the Towne to Schewe thair saufconduct abyde here Styll' In Towne where the Mair' will' assigne thayme Tyll' the Maire For the tyme beyng have Szend' ij or iiij persones To Searche and See the seid' Schipp' and the Merchaunditze beyng Thereynne and they to brynge all' the Names of the Merchauntis and Maryners of the seid' Schipp' That hit be accordaunt To thair' Saufconduct. And than' the seid' iiij or v persones alyens To goo to thair Schipp' and To bryng him' In' to the port of Bristowe yif the caas so Requyre And Than' the Mair Schiriff and chamberneys For the Tyme beyng To assign The Merchaunts to Their hoostes And that thanne euery Frenscheman' have and weere a whyte Crosse Opyn' Uppon their Schuldres. And That euery Merchaunt and Maister of thayme have Thair Byllettis Payyng For euery Byllett To the Chamber of Bristowe xld. And to the Towne Clerk' viij d And euery Maryner payyng For Thair Billettis To The seid' Clerk' iiij d. And So he and they goyng and Walkyng In the Towne have atte All tymes Thair Byllettis about thayme And zif that eny be Take withoute Thair Byllettis That hit be lawefull' To Take thaym' Prisoner or Prisoners.

“ Item hit is Ordeyned That as soone as eny Schipp' of



Alyens' Cometh' to hungroode [*sic*] That they szend' Inne Boote or Bootes un' to the Towne all' maner of Arthury beyng withynne the seid' Schipp' or Schipp's To be delyuerid To Sucche Persoones by Indenturis as the Mair' For the tyme beyng woll' assigne. And nott to be delyuerid azeyn' Till' the seid' Schipp' or Schipp's be a vaaled a zeyn' atte Kyngrode."<sup>1</sup>

What purpose was served by the enrolment of safe-conducts in *The Great Red Book* is not clear. The obvious suggestion that the record was made in order to reduce formalities to a minimum in case the ship should make subsequent visits, receives some support from a clause which was commonly included in treaties for commercial intercourse made with various countries at about this period,<sup>2</sup> and which provided that the ships of the countries concerned should be allowed to enter fortified towns without obtaining permission from the officers in charge except at the first visit in each voyage.

It must be admitted, however, that there is nothing either in the ordinances or in the documents themselves to suggest that any such relaxation of the restriction was customary in cases where safe-conducts were necessary.

Ordinances  
relating to  
Trade and to  
certain Guilds.

The ordinances enrolled in *The Great Red Book* are concerned largely, though not entirely, with matters which are also dealt with in *The Little Red Book*; and a short review of some of these will, I think, be of interest to the general reader.<sup>3</sup> This is undertaken with no intention of encroaching upon the province of the economic historian, and I have, accordingly, refrained in most cases from any attempt to draw general conclusions.

#### THE COOKS.

Considering the wealth of information contained in *The Little Red Book* and *The Great Red Book* on the subject of the Bristol Guilds and other matters connected with the trades and industries of Bristol, there is remarkably little evidence as to the cooks, who must, none the less, have been an important institution there, as in other medieval towns. It will be

<sup>1</sup> *G.R.B.*, fo. 98.

<sup>2</sup> See *Foed.*, viii, p. 471, and xi, pp. 594, 620.

<sup>3</sup> I have only touched upon matters dealt with in that portion of the *G.R.B.* now transcribed, though I have referred to ordinances in a later part of the volume dealing with the same matter where this seemed desirable.



remembered that the *Liber Custumarum* becomes almost lyrical upon the subject.<sup>1</sup>

The cooks seem to have had no guild in Bristol during the Middle Ages,<sup>2</sup> although such guilds existed in London<sup>3</sup> and elsewhere.<sup>4</sup> They seem to have congregated in the High Street, as appears from the record of a view of "Cokyn Rew<sup>5</sup> in the Hye Street," which mentions six cooks as trading there.

In spite of the filthy conditions under which they must have worked, there are very few ordinances in the two volumes whose purpose it was to ensure that they sold wholesome food.<sup>6</sup> *The Little Red Book* is completely silent on this point, and *The Great Red Book* contains nothing more than a provision that no cook should sell warmed-up flesh or "myselli" pork on pain of a penalty of half a mark.<sup>7</sup> Cooks, however, were "to caste no stynkyng water in the high Strete."<sup>8</sup> It is possible, of course, that if the Court Rolls were in existence they would provide evidence, as do those of other boroughs, that proceedings were

<sup>1</sup> "Praeterea est in Londonia super ripam fluminis . . . publica coquina. Ibi quotidie, pro tempore, est invenire cibaria, fercula, frixa, elixa, pisces, pisciculos, carnes grossiores pauperibus, delicatiores divitioribus, venationum, avium, avicularum. Si subito veniant ad aliquem civium amici fatigati ex itinere, nec libeat jejunis expectare ut novi cibi emanant et coquantur,

'Dent famuli manibus lymphas, panesque'

"Interim ad ripam curritur; ibi praesto sunt omnia desiderabilia. Quantalibet militum vel peregrinorum infinitas intrant urbem, qualibet diei vel noctis hora, vel ab urbe exitura, ne vel hii nimium jejurent, vel alii impransi exeant, illuc, si placet, divertunt, et se pro modo suo singuli reficiunt. Qui se curare volunt molliter, accipiunt anserem, vel Afram avem, vel attagen Ionicum; non opus ut quid quaerant, appositis, quae ibi inveniuntur, deliciis. Haec equidem publica coquina est et civitati plurimum expediens, et ad civilitatem pertinens. . . ." *Liber Custumarum*, ed. Riley (R.S.), pp. 6-7.

The same volume strikes what is perhaps a more sombre note at page 86, when it states that all cookshops on the Thames should be whitewashed and plastered and the inner partitions removed.

<sup>2</sup> See list of guilds *infra*, p. 27.

<sup>3</sup> *Calendar of the Letter Books of the City of London*, ed. Sharpe, L, pp. 129-130.

<sup>4</sup> Kramer, *English Craft Guilds*, pp. 16, 136.

<sup>5</sup> *L.R.B.*, ii, p. 132.

<sup>6</sup> Cp., however, *The Oak Book of Southampton*, ed. Studer, vol. i, p. 51; *Records of the Borough of Leicester*, ed. Bateson, vol. ii, p. 321. For a complaint against the cooks on this score, see *Records of the Borough of Nottingham*, ed. Stevenson, vol. i, p. 270, and Riley, *Memorials of London*, p. 438.

<sup>7</sup> For parallel provisions see *Calendar of the Letter Books of the City of London*, ed. Sharpe, L, p. 129; *Records of the Borough of Leicester*, ed. Bateson, vol. ii, p. 289.

<sup>8</sup> Cp. *The Oak Book of Southampton*, ed. Studer, vol. i, p. 131.



taken against cooks for selling unwholesome food; there is, in fact, a statutory provision on this subject,<sup>1</sup> but how far it was enforced in Bristol it is impossible to say.

If regulations in the interests of wholesome food were few, there are some very explicit ones to prevent the cooks from buying up provisions of various kinds before the public needs were satisfied. *The Little Red Book*<sup>2</sup> provides that no cook or other victualler should buy any victuals to sell again before the third hour, and, even then, only in an appointed place. *The Great Red Book*<sup>3</sup> is more explicit. No cook should buy fresh fish except to "Sethe hit to the use of the people," and if he sold it raw he was to suffer a penalty of 40d.: no cook should buy chickens, "Smale Bryddes, grete Bryddes" and other wildfowl, capons, hens, geese, conies or other similar food before the hour of ten "smyten" at St. Nicholas, and no cook or other victualler should "regrate"<sup>4</sup> no maner pullayle ne wildefowle comynge to market ne no maner of Fresshe Fysshe in to tyme the communis be served."

There seems to have been no attempt to regulate the cooks' prices except a solitary provision in *The Little Red Book*<sup>5</sup> that cooks should sell a goose well roasted for 4d. and baked gible for an amount not specified.

#### FISHMONGERS AND THE SALE OF FISH.

Both volumes afford considerable evidence on this subject, partly as to the rules regulating the sale of fish, and partly as to the prizes to be taken from cargoes brought to the town by sea.

In some boroughs, such as Leicester,<sup>6</sup> there were definite rules requiring the periodical inspection of fish, and considering its importance as an article of food in the Middle Ages and the serious consequences of eating it if unwholesome, one would have expected such rules to be almost universal. So far as the evidence goes, however, the authorities were far more concerned with preventing fishmongers from making an undue profit than with compelling them to sell wholesome fish.

<sup>1</sup> *Statutes of the Realm*, vol. i, p. 202.

<sup>2</sup> *L.R.B.*, ed Bickley, vol. ii, p. 229.

<sup>3</sup> *Infra*, p. 134. Cp. *Records of the Borough of Leicester*, ed. Bateson, vol. ii, p. 289; Riley, *Memorials of London*, p. 432.

<sup>4</sup> *i.e.* buy to sell again at a profit.

<sup>5</sup> *L.R.B.*, vol. ii, p. 227. Cp. *Records of the Borough of Leicester*, vol. ii, p. 289.

<sup>6</sup> *Records of the Borough of Leicester*, ed. Bateson, vol. ii, p. 321; see also *The Oak Book of Southampton*, ed. Studer, vol. i, p. 133.



The earliest Bristol rules so far discovered were made in 1339.<sup>1</sup> The first of these provided that if any burgess who carried on the business of selling fish at a stall in Worship Street, purchased fresh fish from a stranger bringing it to the town, and sold it before the third hour of the same day he should suffer a penalty of 40d. The object of this rule is somewhat obscure, since, as will be seen hereafter, fishmongers were not allowed to buy fish before the third hour, and, even then, only in the market or from a boat ; its purpose may have been to prevent a Worship Street fishmonger who had infringed this rule from gaining an advantage over his law-abiding fellows by selling before the hour when they were in a position to purchase. The second is even more obscure, but its meaning appears to be that if a fishmonger bought fish from a ship in port and cried it from the ship itself, any burgess could, when the fish was brought ashore, claim as much as sufficed the needs of himself and his family at the price paid for it by the fishmonger. A possible, though not very satisfactory, explanation of this regulation is that if a fishmonger who had bought fish from a ship cried it from the ship itself, it would appear as though he were the producer, and not a middleman who had bought at one price to sell at another, and so the purchaser might be misled into thinking that he was only paying one profit when, in point of fact, he was paying two ; a burgess claiming this privilege was obviously not allowed to resell any fish so obtained. The third rule contains the rather extraordinary provision that if any fishmonger or his servant should take and carry away fish of any kind from a ship without the consent of its owner, and without any previous agreement between them, he should suffer a penalty of 40d. A parallel ordinance of Ipswich<sup>2</sup> describes such an act as a trespass, but imposes a penalty in addition ; and it is only on some such principle that the Bristol rule becomes intelligible.

The next group of rules was made in 1344,<sup>3</sup> when it was ordained that fishmongers should not cry salt fish and herring except from the ringing in of the day until sunset (excluding noon). This provision is found in many customals in some form or other, and probably belongs to the same category as the numerous guild ordinances requiring articles to be displayed in

<sup>1</sup> *L.R.B.*, ed. Bickley, vol. ii, pp. 22 *sqq.*

<sup>2</sup> *The Black Book of the Admiralty*, ed. Twiss, vol. ii, p. 103.

<sup>3</sup> *L.R.B.*, vol. i, pp. 35 *sqq.*



such a light that a purchaser would be able to detect defects. The standard of mercantile morality not being high in the Middle Ages, a purchaser of herrings or any other commodity would run serious risks if he bought articles which he could not examine properly. This provision was restricted to salt fish and herrings, probably because these could be hawked about the town, while other fish could only be sold from the boats or from the market, that is to say, in definite places open only at certain times and obviously under the eye of the authorities.

There were two other ordinances in this group ; one provided that no fishmonger should buy fish on its way to the town, by land or water. This ordinance, which was directed against "forestalling," a practice which was universally condemned in the Middle Ages, needs no comment. The other provided that no fishmonger should purchase fresh fish for resale from boats or from stalls before the third hour.<sup>1</sup> This latter provision is interesting, first because it shows that fish could be sold from the fishing-boats themselves, as well as from the fish-market, and also because of its obvious design to prevent fishmongers from invading the market before the community at large had had an opportunity of buying what they required. The cooks, it will be remembered, were similarly restricted.

At this stage one may ask who were selling fish in the fish-market and what it was that they sold. It is quite evident that the actual producers were selling to the public at large before, and to the fishmongers after, the third hour ; but if this were so, what market had the latter ? It must be remembered that with the limited transport facilities existing in the period under discussion, the supply of many kinds of fish by the producers must have been intermittent, and it may well be that the fishmonger filled the gap by selling to the public, fish of a kind not then available from the producer and which he had brought from the latter on some other occasion.

The next ordinance,<sup>2</sup> which, although undated, would appear to be of the late fourteenth century, is extremely interesting as evidencing what looks very much like the well-known "communal bargain." Six persons were appointed to purchase and put a

<sup>1</sup> Cp. the Ipswich rule, *The Black Book of the Admiralty*, ed. Twiss, vol. ii, p. 103.

<sup>2</sup> *L.R.B.*, ed. Bickley, vol. ii, p. 72. For another method of securing the same result see *The Oak Book of Southampton*, ed. Studer, vol. i, p. 81 ; and see also Gross, *Gild Merchant*, vol. i, pp. 135 *sqq.*



price on all kinds of "gross fish"<sup>1</sup> coming to Bristol by sea, at which price the "commons of the town" and the gentle folk and others from the country round should have an opportunity of buying as much as they required to provision their houses. After a fixed time<sup>2</sup> had elapsed the fishmongers also were allowed to buy for cash down.

Some further undated fourteenth-century ordinances repeated the rule that no fishmonger should buy fish to sell again before the third hour, and also provided that no fishmonger should buy fresh fish coming to Bristol before it had been brought to the King's Shambles.

This ordinance would, on the face of it, appear to prohibit the sale of fresh fish from the boats, but that it did not, in fact, do so would appear probable from an ordinance in the reign of Henry VI, to which reference will be made below. The regulations which follow are taken from *The Great Red Book*, and are much later in date.

The first<sup>3</sup> provided that any fishmonger or fish seller bringing fish to Bristol should sell it direct to the consumers, and not to anyone buying it to sell again. It will be remembered that, according to *The Little Red Book*, fishmongers were permitted to buy after the third hour; but this ordinance, unless it was limited to fresh-water fish, seems to have been intended to cut out the middleman altogether.

The ordinances that follow are undated,<sup>4</sup> and the first is inconsistent with the ordinance referred to in the last paragraph, unless the latter was restricted in its operation, since it provided that no "Fysshers" should buy fresh fish coming to the town until it had been deposited at the King's Shambles, at which place all fish, except salmon, brought to Bristol by "Fysshers" was to be sold; fishwives, as opposed to "Fysshers," were to stand on the "Bakke" to sell their fish. Salmon was to be sold in the High Street, and it is interesting to notice that one could buy a cut of it, and that none was to be brought to the town if it were "Keper or unholsum for man." Why such a salutary provision was confined, in terms, to salmon it is hard to say.

<sup>1</sup> Salmon, congers, melewels, ling, hake, scalpyrn and herrings.

<sup>2</sup> The text has "dys jours," but, as Bickley points out, it seems an incredible period if the fish were fresh, and not salted or otherwise preserved.

<sup>3</sup> *Infra*, p. 134. Cp. *The Oak Book of Southampton*, vol. i, pp. 65, 137; Riley, *Memorials of London*, p. 436, where the rule is obviously limited to fresh-water fish.

<sup>4</sup> *Infra*, p. 141.



Another ordinance<sup>1</sup> deals with the sale of salt fish. The sellers could cry it in winter from 8 until 11 a.m., and from 2 to 4 p.m., and in the summer from 6 to 11 a.m., and from 2 to 5 p.m. This ordinance may be compared with a parallel provision in *The Little Red Book*, to which reference has already been made.

An ordinance made in 1455<sup>2</sup> provided that any stranger coming to town with any "cors Herynge," white or red, should be allotted his "host" by deliverance and rule of the chamberlains and should pay to the use of the chamber one "meis" of herring out of every twenty-one. In the following year it was provided<sup>3</sup> that any man buying hake at the quay should pay to the chamberlains of the town 2d. for every hundred hake so bought, and that having paid this, he should be permitted to cry it, provided that the best fish were not "pyked a wey." It was also provided that any man buying melewell, ling, or conger at the quay or elsewhere should pay to the chamberlains 1d. for every twenty fish so bought.

The next ordinance<sup>4</sup> provided that—

"no person nor persons of this Towne of Bristowe put no fysshe watered<sup>5</sup> to eny person' or persons to sale but hit be good and able fysshe And that thei seill' no watered fisse nor putt hit to sale within the towne of Bristowe or the Subarbes of the same but in places of old' tyme accustomed."

The general policy of all these rules may be summed up by saying that the authorities insisted upon all fish (with few exceptions) being sold at certain fixed places, and that their hand was heavy upon profiteers.

The remaining entries deal with prise of fish. There were two of these, the first being a prise taken by the friars preachers and the friars minors by grant of Henry III, and the second being a prise taken for the use of the lord (*i.e.* the king or his grantee). They were confined to fish coming by water, and *The Little Red Book* specifies their exact extent.<sup>6</sup> The latter prise was collected

<sup>1</sup> *Infra*, p. 144.

<sup>2</sup> *G.R.B.*, fo. 93b.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, fo. 94b.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, fo. 229.

<sup>5</sup> The meaning of this expression is not clear; compare *The Records of the City of Norwich*, ed. Hudson and Tingey, vol. ii, p. 182: "Also they do find that the Fysshmongars . . . do sell their fish not well watered." See also Toulmin Smith, *English Guilds*, p. 354.

<sup>6</sup> *L.R.B.*, *op. cit.*, vol. i, pp. 89 *sqq.*



by the water bailiff, and there were complaints in the fifteenth century of his extortions.<sup>1</sup>

There are also extremely interesting details as to the extent of the lord's prise in *The Great Red Book*.<sup>2</sup>

#### THE BAKERS.

Although there is no mention of a Baker's Guild in *The Little Red Book* there are at least two references to it in the present volume; the first is in the regulations as to the Guild Drinkings,<sup>3</sup> made in 1450, where from the quantity of wine allotted to it, it may be inferred that it was a Guild of about the same size as that of the brewers; the second is a set of ordinances made in 1473,<sup>4</sup> to which further reference will be made. Since *The Little Red Book* contains a provision<sup>5</sup> made in 1344 to the effect that no baker should be admitted to the liberty unless he first abjured his business, even though he should have married the widow or daughter of a burgess, it would appear that the Guild came into official existence, at any rate, some time after that date.

The various rules regulating the sale of bread will be considered under two headings: (a) those regulating the manner of its sale, and (b) those regulating its price and quality.

#### *The manner of its sale.*

*The Little Red Book* suggests that it was the practice in Bristol for a baker to sell his bread through individuals called "Hokesteres," who appear to have been women,<sup>6</sup> and who were allowed a penny for every shilling's worth of bread they bought.<sup>7</sup> In order that no baker should get an advantage over his fellows, it was provided in 1344 that this allowance should not be exceeded, and it was also provided that if a "Hokestere" took from a baker more than she needed for her day's supply, she did so at her own peril; that is to say, I presume, that if the bread deteriorated through becoming stale the loss should be hers and could not be visited on the baker. The fact that the Bristol bakers disposed

<sup>1</sup> *L.R.B.*, *op. cit.*, vol. i, pp. 153 *sqq.*

<sup>2</sup> *G.R.B.*, fo. 331b.

<sup>3</sup> *Infra*, p. 125.

<sup>4</sup> *G.R.B.*, fo. 220.

<sup>5</sup> *L.R.B.*, vol. i, p. 36.

<sup>6</sup> "Item ordinatum est quod nullus pistor tradat alicui Hokkestere plus de pane quam vendere possit pro dieta, et si *que* plus ceperit stabit ad periculum *emptricis*."—*L.R.B.*, vol. ii, p. 33.

<sup>7</sup> Cp. the London discount, *infra*, p. 17, f.n. 2, *infra*.





of their bread in this way is confirmed by the following ordinance made in 1473 :—

"Item that no Baker of Bristow by hym' self' nor 'non 'hother in his name by any maner coloure . . . or colusion 'holde nor kepe no howse nor opyn' Shopp' within the Towne of Bristow opynly or secretly, or shalle no maner of brede to be put to sale but that hit be delyvered without colour or colusion to the Huksters of Bristow there to be solde as hit hath bene of olde tyme Usede and Customed his owne howse and Inhabitacon' that he dwelleth 'In oonly except . . ." <sup>1</sup>

It is interesting to notice that a similar practice seems to have been adopted in London. <sup>2</sup>

*Rules regulating its quality and price.*

The price of bread was regulated by the Assize of Bread. The principle upon which the Assize operated was to fix the cost of the various kinds of bread, and to make such adjustments as the fluctuation in the price of corn demanded, by increasing or diminishing the weight of the loaves according as corn was cheap or the reverse. This adjustment was made exactly, but readjustments were frequently necessary, not only from year to year (or even oftener) but from locality to locality since the corn market was a local one in the Middle Ages. <sup>3</sup> When the weight had been fixed the baker disregarded it at his peril; he could be fined or suffer the penalty of pillory and tumbrel.

*Ricart's Kalendar* <sup>4</sup> tells us what the functions of the Mayor of Bristol were in this important matter. After Michaelmas the bakers came before him in the Guildhall and reported what

<sup>1</sup> *G.R.B.*, fo. 220. Apparently there was another method of sale, because the *G.R.B.*, amongst other items in the King's Rents of Assize, mentions the following :—

"Consuetudo Pistorum . . . annuatim ad Festum Sancti Martini Levanda, De quatuor pistoribus locantibus quatuor Cophinos magnos juxta ecclesiam sancte Trinitatis videlicet de quolibet eorum . . . xij d." What these were is not clear.

<sup>2</sup> "And that no Baker of the Town shall give unto the Regratresses the sixpence on Monday morning by way of Hansel-money, or the threepence on Friday for curtesy-money; but after the ancient manner let him give thirteen articles of Bread for twelve. Nor shall anyone take back the Bread from Regratresses then. . . ."—*Liber Albus*, ed. Riley, fo. 199a, p. 266; and see also *ibid.*, fo. 216a, as to giving credit to these women.

<sup>3</sup> An excellent account of this assize is to be found in *The Oak Book of Southampton*, *op. cit.*, ii, pp. xxi *sqq*; see also *Liber Albus*, *op. cit.*, p. 349.

<sup>4</sup> Ed. Toulmin Smith, Camden Society, pp. 82 and 83.





wheat they had, and the proposed weight of the loaves ; it was his duty to give them advice and help in bargaining with, and buying from, those who brought wheat to the town, whether by land or water, not only to keep down the price but also so that there should be no lack of supplies "in especial ayenst the fest of Christmass and at such tymes as many straungers resorteth to the Towne." It was also his duty to see to the weighing of bread when he should think fit, or when a complaint was made to him. In order that offenders should be identified without difficulty each baker was required to put his mark on the bread baked by him.

The Bristol bakers were required to make their bread of good dough and good weight, and to sell—<sup>1</sup>

"iiij lofes for a peny and ij lofes for a peny and peny white brede and peny whete bred and noon other wyse . . . also that the Bakers make no ij peny brede nothir white nor wheten in any wyse. . . ."

There are provisions of the usual type forbidding bakers to buy corn at all before it reached the market and, even after it had done so, before a certain hour.<sup>2</sup>

#### THE BREWERS AND TAVERNERS.

*The Great Red Book*, as already mentioned, contains a memorandum<sup>3</sup> made in 1450, regulating the guild drinkings ; reference is made in this to the brewers' guild, which is also referred to in a guild ordinance made in 1479.<sup>4</sup>

The ordinances in *The Little Red Book* can be dealt with shortly. The town authorities, judging by the number of provisions requiring the brewers to observe the Assize of Ale, were apprehensive lest their misdeeds should bring the town into trouble. One document, after referring to the Assize, proceeds as follows :—

"And because the Mayor and Commonalty of the Town of Bristol fear that they will be severely punished unless the assize in the form aforesaid be strictly observed . . . it was so ordained to keep and preserve themselves and their liberty uninjured and unharmed that if any Brewer, etc. . . ."

<sup>1</sup> See *G.R.B.*, *infra*, p. 138.

<sup>2</sup> *L.R.B.*, *op. cit.*, ii, pp. 221, 222 and 225 ; *G.R.B.*, *infra*, pp. 138, 140.

<sup>3</sup> *Infra*, p. 125.

<sup>4</sup> *Infra*, pp. 155 *sqq.*



There are ordinances to prevent the brewers from forestalling grain and from buying grain in the market before the market bell was rung, and there is an interesting provision that brewers should not take the water they required from the conduits<sup>1</sup> lest the community should suffer, presumably from a shortage.

The keepers of taverns (who might or might not be brewers also) were forbidden to keep customers sitting in their taverns after curfew,<sup>2</sup> when they were required to close their doors. In order, no doubt, that the ale conners should have due opportunity of testing their ale, taverners were required to keep their ale in a public place and not in "solars chambers or other secret places," and for the same reason they were required to display their alestake so long as they had ale for sale.

*The Great Red Book* contains an ordinance that the Assize of Ale should be kept, but there is not the same repeated insistence upon this as before. The relevant provisions as to price are, shortly, as follows :—

(a) Brewers<sup>3</sup> were required to make "gode ale and sety";<sup>4</sup> they must keep the Assize, and a gallon of "newe ale of the beste" was to cost a penny and of small ale a halfpenny. The small ale was required to be half as good as the best.

(b) Another ordinance made in 1477 is to the same effect, except that the price of small ale was reduced to three gallons for a penny, the price of good ale remaining the same.

While these provisions do not differ materially from the older ones, there is a group which have no counterpart in *The Little Red Book* at all; I refer to those requiring the use of proper measures. There were more ways of cheating a customer than by charging him prices in excess of the Assize.

Brewers were required to sell their ale by measures ordained by the Mayor and Common Council and used from time out of

<sup>1</sup> Cp. Riley, *Memorials of London*, p. 225.

<sup>2</sup> Cp. *Records of the Borough of Nottingham*, ed. Stevenson, vol. ii, pp. 268, 276, 425.

<sup>3</sup> *Infra*, p. 139. This ordinance is undated, but it appears to have been fifteenth century. See also an ordinance made in 1462 (fo. 101a).

<sup>4</sup> "Sety" means "fit" or "wholesome"; see Toulmin Smith, *English Guilds*, p. 474.



mind;<sup>1</sup> a breach of this provision involved the brewer in the heavy penalty of 40s. "without any foryeveness." Customers, also, had to be protected against themselves. Every householder fetching ale from a brewer had to take with him a vessel "I seled and pynnes made ther to prove hit," and if he omitted to do so he forfeited the ale. In order that there should be no excuse for a breach of this rule, the official whose duty it was to seal measures was to do this "without any money takyng."

Experience seems to have shown that even these precautions were insufficient, because every brewer was required<sup>2</sup> to have a level place at his door, so that anyone fetching ale could, if he so desired, have the vessel put upon it to see whether he had true measure or not.

Persons selling wine were also required to have their appropriate measures (*i.e.* galon, potell, quart, pint and penny pot).

The regulations that brewers were not to forestall corn or buy it in the market before "12 of the bell" are repeated.

The taverners,<sup>3</sup> as before, were required to close after curfew and to display alestakes, but there are also some additional rules. A taverner was to holde "no baste door" on Sunday until mass was said at St. Nicholas, nor was he even to permit men to sit in the tavern; in order that this rule should be kept any informer was offered a shilling "for his laboure." Ale, like wine, was to be sold in sealed measures only and not in cups, and no taverner was allowed to buy from a brewer until the poor people were served, and then, like the private customer, he was required to buy in a duly sealed vessel.

Finally,<sup>4</sup> there is a most interesting complaint made by the Bristol brewers against Keynsham, Publow, Chew, Wraxall, Barton Hundred and other places in the neighbourhood.

<sup>1</sup> See also *G.R.B.*, fo. 101a (1462):—

" . . . no manner of Bruer withyn the said town schire or precinct of the same hold no tappery withynne his howse nothir sylle noon Ale butt only by meser ensealyd after the course and custome of alle Bruers hadd and yusyd in all citees townes and boroughs within this Roialme." See also *The Records of the Borough of Northampton*, ed. Markham, vol. i, pp. 347, 373; *The Records of the Borough of Nottingham*, ed. Stevenson, vol. i, p. 315; *The Oak Book of Southampton*, *op. cit.*, vol. i, p. 157; and the records of many other boroughs.

<sup>2</sup> *Infra*, p. 139.

<sup>3</sup> *Infra*, p. 140.

<sup>4</sup> *G.R.B.*, fo. 155.



Apparently the inhabitants had been buying up barley to such an extent that Bristol, which obviously depended upon the surrounding district for its supplies, was getting very little ; nor was this all. In the process of malt-making, barley was "made and myxt with otys and other disceits." As a result, it was ordained that no Bristol brewer or anyone on his behalf should buy malt from anyone living or malt-making within nine miles of the town, and the masters of the guild were required to make due search to see that this order was obeyed. Malt could, however, be brought to Bristol market and purchased by any brewer "after XII at klok Smyten at St. Nicholaus." Bristol brewers were not to buy oats.

#### ADMISSION TO THE FREEDOM OF THE TOWN.

A person might be made a freeman of London by service of apprenticeship, by redemption fine or ransome, or by birth,<sup>1</sup> and similar rules applied in Bristol.

##### (a) *Admission by redemption.*

By an ordinance made in 1344<sup>2</sup> it was provided that no one should be admitted to the liberty unless he were of free condition and vouched for by two burgesses as of good and honest report. Another in 1366 required an applicant to be a "marchaunt conu homme de bone fame et honeste conversation" ;<sup>3</sup> on his admission to the liberty he was required to pay £10 at least "without any part thereof being pardoned on any manner of pretext," and so strict was this rule that if the Mayor reduced the amount, he was compelled to pay the balance out of his own pocket. By an ordinance in 1481<sup>4</sup> every "Burgess that shall be admytted and made fre this day forwarde comyng in by redemption" was required to pay twenty pence every quarter, and if he should fall into arrear for twelve months and a day he could be "descharged of his Fredom" unless he found a sufficient surety to secure both the arrears and all future payments. In the next year<sup>5</sup> it was provided that such burgesses when admitted to the freedom should pay a

<sup>1</sup> *Privilegia Londinii* (1702), p. 119.

<sup>2</sup> *L.R.B.*, *op. cit.*, vol. i, p. 37.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. ii, p. 47.

<sup>4</sup> *G.R.B.*, fo. 157b.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, fo. 158b.



noble at least to the chamber, four shillings for Court fees and four pence to the Town Clerk for making the bond whereby the burgess secured payment of the residue of his "Dutee of the said redempcion."

(b) *Admission by apprenticeship.*

By an ordinance of 1344<sup>1</sup> it was provided that no servant or apprentice of a burgess should be admitted to the liberty unless his late master testified to his good repute, and by another of 1366,<sup>2</sup> that those of good condition who, as their masters and other trustworthy men testified, had been resident with their masters as good servants for the space of seven years "en loffice de marchundie" should be received into the franchise without paying any fine beyond the due and customary fees.

(c) *Admission by birth and marriage.*

There is very little information on this point. An ordinance of 1344<sup>3</sup> provided that if a woman, who as daughter or widow of a burgess was of the liberty, married a stranger who was not of free condition, she lost her liberty during the marriage; another of 1366<sup>4</sup> which provided, as we have seen, that no one should be admitted to the liberty who was not a "marchaunt," expressly excepted the franchises of the sons, daughters and wives of burgesses which were to continue "as of ancient time they had been used."

Both volumes make reference to individuals known as portmen and portwomen, who must not be confused with the portmen of Ipswich referred to by Gross.<sup>5</sup> The portmen of Bristol seem to have stood midway between the burgess and the stranger, and to have enjoyed privileges which came to be more and more restricted. They are defined in an ordinance of 1366<sup>6</sup> as follows:—

"It is ordained and assented that all those who are not burgesses and wish to trade or exercise their craft within

<sup>1</sup> *L.R.B., op. cit.*, vol. i, pp. 37 *sqq.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. ii, p. 49.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. i, p. 37.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. ii, p. 48.

<sup>5</sup> Gross, *The Gild Merchant*, i, p. 23.

<sup>6</sup> *L.R.B., op. cit.*, vol. ii, p. 48.



the town and have not the means or will not pay the said sum of £10 in order to be enfranchised, may be received as portmen and pay fine to the commonalty according to the discretion of the Mayor and Stewards for the time being, and according to their estate to make their profit thereof."

It is clear that portmen were in existence before 1366, because in 1346<sup>1</sup> the tailors were complaining that the portmen and others who used the craft sold and bought new cloth which they cut and divided into pieces for hose and caps in order to sell them again, and were guilty of other practices touching the craft to which the tailors objected. Accordingly, for the maintenance of the estate of the burgesses who were "more privy to the franchise than strangers," certain restrictions were imposed upon the portmen; they were not to sell or buy new cloth to or from strangers, or cut new cloth or divide it for hose or caps to sell to strangers or, indeed, cut new cloth at all for any stranger but only for male and female burgesses, and so on.

This ordinance is confined to portmen using a particular craft, but an ordinance of 1450<sup>2</sup> is much more comprehensive. With the exception of tapsters, hucksters and other retailers of victuals—

" . . . the Baylifs her aftyr shall make no maner man' or ne woman' Portman ne Portwoman' within the said towne of Bristowe to have no Ferther ne lenger privilege but only for ther custome Alwey for bodyn bi the saide Mayre and Shereff and alle the commune Councell' bi this ordinaunce that the saide portmen and portwomen shall' not bi ne selle in no wyse within the saide towne as a burgeys does."

By this date it would appear that, apart from freedom from tolls, the privileges of a portman had become insignificant.

The evidence up to this point is reasonably clear, but the position becomes more obscure when one endeavours, for example, to define the position of a craftsman who had been admitted to the liberty. He was, of course, bound by the rules of his particular guild, and enjoyed such privileges as the latter was able to bestow, but to what other rights and privileges did his admission to the liberty entitle him?

<sup>1</sup> *L.R.B., op. cit.*, vol. ii, p. 26.

<sup>2</sup> *Infra*, p. 133.



There was, beyond question, a Gild Merchant in Bristol. In the course of certain legal proceedings in 1372,<sup>1</sup> which are well known,<sup>2</sup> the mayor and bailiffs stated this in plain terms, and even defined in some detail the privileges which it conferred on its members; in two deeds<sup>3</sup> the stewards of the Gild Merchant are expressly referred to, and by one of them the stewards were given power to appoint a chaplain "per visum et consilium communie Bristollie." It is, however, equally clear that the connection between the Gild and the governing body of the town was very close, as the following extract<sup>4</sup> shows:—

"Et quod nullus burgensis juret coram ordinariis pro pecuniis comissis nec pro aliqua alia re ex quocunque casu contingente nisi sit in causa testamentaria vel matrimoniali Et si implacitantur per ordinarios . . . *maior et communitas* debent eos defendere . . . ad custum ville scilicet *de provenientibus gilde mercatorie*. Petunt eciam burgenses sibi restitui gildas suas cum omnibus que ad easdem Gildas pertinere solent et debent. . . . *Ita quod maior et consiliarii sui qui communitatem rectificant preficiant ex seipsis senescallos duos qui ghildam coligant et in unam pixidem ponent ad quam habeant recursum quesciens negocium aliquod emergerit tangens communitatem et comptus inde reddatur maiori et communitati et de proventibus [sic] dicte Ghilde sustineant libertates suas et libertates mercatorum dictam Ghildam intrancium et si forte ipsos alicubi terrar' contingat injuste vexari vel arestari seu namiari Sustineant eciam viii pontes pavementum v conductus aquarum Kayum [sic] ante naves et publicos ministros suos et ecciam [sic] faciant inde *plura alia negocia communitatem contingencia*. . . ."*

The "communitas" seems to have had the funds of the Gild very much at its disposal, nor were some of the purposes for which the money could be expended those with which a Gild Merchant was ordinarily concerned.

<sup>1</sup> *Infra*, p. 169.

<sup>2</sup> Gross, *The Gild Merchant*, ii, p. 354.

<sup>3</sup> Veale, *Burgage Tenure in Mediæval Bristol*, Bristol Record Society, p. 277.

<sup>4</sup> *Constituciones Ville Bristollie*, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, MS. No. 405, fos. 236 and 237.



In addition to this both *The Little Red Book* and *The Great Red Book* can be searched in vain for anything which is professedly a Gild Merchant ordinance, although there are many rules made by the governing body of the town which have their counterpart in the Gild Merchant ordinances of other towns, such as Southampton.

It would be incorrect, however, to assume that to be admitted to the freedom of Bristol and to be admitted to the Bristol Gild Merchant amounted to the same thing. A person enjoying the former would be entitled to all the rights and liberties, trading or otherwise, which had been conferred by charter, or in any other way, on the burgesses; a member of the latter, however, would be entitled to trading privileges only. There is no reason to doubt that the greater included the less.

It is very tempting to assume that, originally at least, the portmen and portwomen of Bristol were persons who were members of the Gild Merchant only. In 1372 the mayor and bailiffs made the following statement:—<sup>1</sup>

“ . . . habuerunt liberam gildam mercatoriam in eadem villa et suburbiis ejusdem ville et omnia que ad gildam mercatoriam pertinent, videlicet ad emendum et vendendum in eadem ville libere et quiete de custumis et theolonio, et alias diversas libertates habendum, prout ad gildam mercatoriam pertinent: virtute ejusdem gilde et libertatis iidem maior et Ballivi et eorum predecessores a toto tempore usi fuerunt capere quandam prestacionem, ad usus suos proprios, de omnibus qui in libertatem et societatem gilde predicte admissi fuerunt, pro libertate gilde predicte habenda, *secundum quod inter eos rationabiliter concordari potuerit.*”

In view of the italicized words it seems almost incredible that the mayor and bailiffs were speaking of persons admitted to the freedom of the town, because, as we have seen, the fee for admission was £10, neither more nor less. The words in question, however, agree very well with those of the “portmen” ordinance of 1366 (“may be received as portmen and pay fine to the commonalty according to the discretion of the mayor and stewards for the time being and according to their estate etc. . . .”). The stewards, too, can hardly have been other than the stewards of the Gild Merchant. On the whole it seems probable

<sup>1</sup> *Infra*, p. 169.



that it was the portmen whom the mayor and bailiffs had in mind when they made this statement.

To return to our craftsman. He would have enjoyed all the rights and liberties which had been conferred from time to time on the burgesses of Bristol, and which would include the rights and privileges appertaining to the Gild Merchant.

How were his duties to his craft guild to be reconciled with his duties to the community at large, and was there in Bristol a divided and conflicting allegiance? The answer to this question must be that if the governing body of the town completely controlled the Gild Merchant they almost as completely controlled the guilds; they made or confirmed most of the guild ordinances on the petition of the guildsmen concerned; Ricart<sup>1</sup> tells us that on the fourth day after Michaelmas Day the mayor summoned all the masters of the crafts in the town and directed them to assemble at their halls to elect new masters, who were to be presented to and sworn before him; and, finally, it is common and indeed usual to find that offenders against the guild ordinances were presented before the mayor and that part of the penalty imposed went to the town.

With such a measure of control vested in the governing body of the town, there was little risk of divided allegiance or conflicting duties.

#### MATTERS AFFECTING THE GUILDS IN GENERAL AND CERTAIN GUILD ORDINANCES.

The various ordinances considered hitherto are, for the most part, scattered about *The Little Red Book* and *The Great Red Book* in the most haphazard way; but in the portion of the latter volume now transcribed there are a few sets of ordinances each of which relates to some particular guild; these will be very briefly dealt with, as will certain matters which affected the guilds generally.

There is an extremely interesting ordinance made in 1450,<sup>2</sup> which not only regulated certain guild drinkings, but also contains in a schedule a list of the various guilds with the amount of wine allotted to each. While it would not be safe to draw any very exact conclusion as to the relative importance of the various guilds from this latter provision, it may fairly be claimed to give

<sup>1</sup> *Ricart's Kalendar*, ed. Toulmin Smith, Camden Society, pp. 77 sqq.

<sup>2</sup> *Infra*, p. 125.



a rough indication ; applying this test, the guilds would rank as follows :—

1.	Weavers } Towkers }	.. .. .	10 gallons.
2.	Tailors } Corvesers <sup>1</sup> }	.. .. .	8 gallons.
3.	Butchers	.. .. .	6 gallons.
4.	Dyers } Bakers } Brewers } Shearmen }	.. .. .	5 gallons.
5.	Skinners .. .. . } Barbers and Waxmakers <sup>2</sup> } Tanners .. .. . } Whitawers <sup>3</sup> .. .. . } Smiths, Farriers, Cutlers } and Locksmiths .. .. }	..	4 gallons.
6.	Wire drawers } Masons .. } Tilers .. } Carpenters .. }	.. .. .	3 gallons.
7.	Bowiers and Fletchers	.. ..	2 gallons.

The mayor dispensed the wine for the drinking on St. John's Day, and the sheriff for the drinking on St. Peter's. The drinkings took place at the various craft halls, and the crafts were to send "ther own seruants and ther own pottes for the wine."

There is another ordinance<sup>4</sup> which provides that journeymen and apprentices should not be admitted to any of the guild halls without the special leave of the masters of the particular guild concerned. The surprising thing about this ordinance is that offenders were to be presented by the masters of the craft to the mayor, who arrested them and sent them to the king and his council as "a riotter and a conventicler a yenste the Kynges pees and his lawes." Any master of a craft who disobeyed the ordinance was similarly dealt with.

<sup>1</sup> *i.e.* shoemakers.

<sup>2</sup> *i.e.* chandlers.

<sup>3</sup> *i.e.* Dressers of white leather with alum, salt and other mixtures ; see Riley, *Memorials of London*, p. 232.

<sup>4</sup> *Infra*, p. 146.



It is interesting to observe that the various guilds concerned with clothmaking appear to have been in a bad way in the latter half of the fifteenth century, as the following petition<sup>1</sup> shows:—

“To the Right High and mighty prynce our full speciall’ good Lorde Therle of Warrewik and Salesbury.

“Mekely besechith your high lordeship the Enhabitaunts of the King our naturall Liege Lordes towne of Bristowe petewusly compleynyng that where they ever before this tyme have lyved by making of wollen clothe within the said Towne and have hadde ther by their chief sustenance and lyvyng to thair continuell comfort and releef unto nowe late by grete and habundaunte passage of wollys over the see they and their servantis have stondyn and yet stondith destitute of work and occupacion for lak of wollys soo that by defaute of the same they dayly leven as vagarauntis in ydelnys not havynge noon understanding in any other occupacon but oonly in the labour of clothe making which is to their grete discomfort and perpetuell undoyng if such passage of woll withoute restreynte should be contynued. . . .”

It would, perhaps, be unwise to take this highly-coloured complaint too seriously, since it concludes with a request that the king should remit a sum of £160 charged upon the inhabitants of the town, but it is interesting as suggesting the dependence of Bristol upon its cloth trade during the Middle Ages.

(a) THE GUILD OF SMITHS, FARRIERS, CUTLERS AND LOCKSMYTHS.

There are ordinances dated in 1403 in *The Little Red Book*<sup>2</sup> and they are in English. *The Great Red Book* contains the same ordinances<sup>3</sup> in French, and another set, dated in 1455, which substantially reproduce the earlier ones.<sup>4</sup>

Since *The Little Red Book* ordinances are well known, no special comment need be made upon them.

(b) THE GUILD OF BOWYERS AND FLETCHERS.

These ordinances<sup>5</sup> commence with a petition which recites that neither the petitioners nor their predecessors were ever “admytted nor takyn for a crafte to go Assemble or accompanye

<sup>1</sup> *G.R.B.*, fo. 207.

<sup>2</sup> Vol. ii, pp. 181 *sqq.*

<sup>3</sup> Fo. 204b.

<sup>4</sup> *Infra*, p. 146.

<sup>5</sup> *Infra*, p. 150.



as other Crafftis have and ought to do to the worship of this Towne," and the petitioners asked that the authorities should "admytte repute and take them and their successours as comburgeises of a Craffte ought to be admytted and taken"; and that they should be granted under the common seal of the town as large and ample liberties as the craft of Hoopers, "Goinge Accompanying and assemblyng with them in all manner of Waches and Wardes yevinge and yeldinge as they done."

Since the craft is mentioned in the ordinance made in 1450 which regulated the guild drinkings, it must have been in existence at this earlier date, but there is no mention of it in *The Little Red Book*. The ordinances of this guild are, *mutatis mutandis*, in substantial agreement with those of the hoopers.<sup>1</sup>

(c) THE GUILD OF FULLERS AND TOWKERS.

When cloth left the loom it was known as "Raucloth," and went through a number of other processes before it was ready for the market. The first of these was known as "fulling" or "towking," which involved the cleaning, thickening and scouring of the material. Originally the cloth was trampled upon in a trough, but this method was ultimately superseded by the fulling mill. The cloth so treated was then stretched on tenters to dry.<sup>2</sup>

The ordinances in *The Great Red Book* for the most part have their counterpart in *The Little Red Book*, so that the grievances which they were designed to remedy were evidently not new.

It was complained that the "milmen" did not wash their clothes clean nor scour them after they had been thickened, with the result that they dried "evilsaverid and putrefied."<sup>3</sup> It was suggested that this happened because the material was given to "milmen" outside the town gates,<sup>4</sup> who were not, therefore, under the supervision of the guild officials, and it was accordingly provided that the material should be brought to the "pakkyng places of old tyme assigned"; we are given no information as to the whereabouts of these.

It was also ordained that no Bristol craftsmen should make good the defective towking of cloth which had originally been

<sup>1</sup> *L.R.B.*, vol. ii, pp. 159 *sqq.*

<sup>2</sup> See Salzman, *Medieval English Industries*, pp. 221 *sqq.*

<sup>3</sup> *Cp. L.R.B.*, vol. ii, pp. 8 and 16; *cp. Riley, Memorials of London*, p. 401.

<sup>4</sup> *Cp. L.R.B.*, vol. ii, p. 7; *The Records of the Borough of Northampton*, ed. Markham, vol. i, p. 303 (here, however, the complaint was for a different reason); *Records of the Borough of Leicester*, vol. i, p. 91; *Liber Custumarum*, ed. Riley, vol. i, p. 129.



woven and towked in the country. This was evidently a very old grievance.<sup>1</sup>

The last ordinance regulates admission to the guild, and makes it quite clear that a man was not entitled to membership merely because he was a burgess. If a "foreyn man coming to the town" became a burgess by redemption or by marrying the widow or daughter of a burgess, he was not entitled to set up in the craft unless allowed to do so by the masters and presented by them to the mayor. It will be noticed that persons who had become burgesses by apprenticeship were not, apparently, within this rule; this raises the question as to whether a person who had so obtained his burgesshood, although after apprenticeship in another craft, could set up as a towker without restriction. The answer appears to be that he could not, since the provision was preceded by another which ordered that "no man of Towker's Crafte set up the occupacion within the towne unless the Masters of the seide Crafte present him before the Maire," having first satisfied themselves that he was a competent workman and that he could be trusted to return to its owner any material entrusted to him.<sup>2</sup>

(d) THE GUILD OF SHEARMEN.

As in the case of the Bowyers and Fletchers, there were no ordinances relating to this guild in *The Little Red Book*, but it was evidently a fairly important guild in 1450,<sup>3</sup> if the amount of wine allotted to it at the guild drinking is any guide. The ordinances require no special mention except, perhaps, the provision that no cloth was to be taken out of Bristol to be treated, with the interesting exception that any burgess could take it to London "there to be shorn and dight at his pleasir."

(e) THE GUILD OF TAYLORS, GOLDSMITHS AND CORDWAINERS.

This guild has already been dealt with.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See *L.R.B.*, vol. ii, pp. 14, 15, 79.

<sup>2</sup> Cunningham, *Growth of English Industry and Commerce* (5th ed.), vol. i, p. 345, states that according to the ancient custom of London, a man who had served seven years' apprenticeship in any trade became free to trade in any fashion within the City. According to *Privilegia Londini* (1702), although this was suggested in one case (Tolley's case) which Cunningham quotes, it was subsequently adjudged that there was no such custom in London (*ibid.*, pp. 117 sqq.) in the case of manual trades as opposed to those of buying and selling.

<sup>3</sup> *Infra*, p. 125.

<sup>4</sup> Fox, *Some Account of the Ancient Fraternity of Merchant Taylors of Bristol*.



## I. DEALING WITH THE CONDITION OF THE STREETS.

(a) *Refuse*.—According to *The Little Red Book* no one was permitted to throw urine or stinking water into the streets or to obstruct them with ordure or “robbille.” Burgesses were required to clean the street in front of their houses, but no direction was given for the disposal of the refuse; they incurred a penalty of 40d. if they threw it over the Quay or Back. The disposal of refuse must have been a serious problem in the Middle Ages, and, if accounts of the state of mediæval towns are to be believed, it was treated as almost insoluble.

*The Great Red Book* contains the same rules, except that refuse might be deposited in the Marsh or thrown over the Quay in places assigned therefor.

(b) *Obstructions*.—Both volumes contain provisions against straying pigs. According to *The Little Red Book* if a pig of the value of 12d. or upwards strayed, the owner forfeited 6d. for a first offence, and the pig’s tail was cut so that it might be known again. If the pig strayed a second time “let its head be cut by the gaoler or his servant appointed for the purpose without any mitigation thereof.” Presumably this meant that the pig was killed, but if so we are not told what happened to the carcass. If a pig were worth less than 12d., the fine for a first offence was 2d. instead of 6d., but otherwise the penalty was the same.

*The Great Red Book* adds ducks, but altered the penalty into 6d. for a first offence and 12d. for a second; for a third the pig or duck was forfeited and given to the prisoners at “Monkebrigge.”

Both volumes provide that great dogs should not be allowed to roam about unchained, and that horses coming to town should be put in “hostryes” and not be suffered to roam at large. According to *The Great Red Book*, an offending owner lost bridle and halter.

*The Little Red Book* deals with the deposit of timber on the quay; a stranger was not to deposit it at all, while a burgess could do so for not more than seven days.

According to *The Great Red Book* no one was allowed to deposit it on the quay;<sup>1</sup> its owners were required to “leye (it) be

<sup>1</sup> There are other ordinances in the *G.R.B.*, *infra*, p. 133, which, in substance, repeated those in the *L.R.B.* They were probably earlier in date.



yende the toure." Another ordinance made in 1479<sup>1</sup> was as follows :—

" . . . fro hens foreward, al the grete Wodde called Berkley Wodde or great howssehold Wodde as plukk' and other suche shal be brought unto the Key and leyde beyende the towre and in no place upon the Key But if it be for any dwellers upon the Key that byeth eny Wodde to be caste a fore his dore and forthe with to be bore in to his hows so that it lye no nyght upon the Key."

## 2. DEALING WITH PROSTITUTES.

According to *The Little Red Book* no prostitute was to dwell within the walls ; if this order were disobeyed, her door and windows were taken away by the mayor's sergeants and handed to the constable of the ward, who retained them until she was removed. Every prostitute was also required to wear a striped hood.

*The Great Red Book* contains substantially the same provisions.

## 3. DEALING WITH THE CARRYING OF WEAPONS AND NIGHT WALKING.

According to *The Little Red Book* no one was permitted to carry a long knife. *The Great Red Book* provides that no strangers should carry a "too hondswerdis, ne gleythe ne swerd ne bokelere" within the town. A proclamation was made in 1472<sup>2</sup> as follows :—

" . . . hit is Ordeyned and enactid . . . That noo maner of persone or personnes goo nor walke withynne this Towne of Bristowe with noo Glaythes speerys lang swerdis long Daggers Custils<sup>3</sup> nothir Baszalarde<sup>4</sup> by Nyght' nor by day whereby the king is peas in enny maner wysze may be trowbled broken or offended Butt tho persones that bith officers and othir that comen rydyng into the Towne or goyng oute of the Towne And that uppon peyne of Forfaiture of theire Weepyns and theire Bodyes to Prison. . . ."

Both volumes contain rules requiring persons walking abroad after curfew to carry lights.

<sup>1</sup> *G.R.B.*, fo. 156.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, fo. 217b. This proclamation was doubtless a special one in view of the troubled times.

<sup>3</sup> ? cotel : a knife ; see *The Oak Book of Southampton, op. cit.*, supplement, p. 65.

<sup>4</sup> *i.e.* a short sword.



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LXXIII (74).	Grant by William Somerton', of Bristol, and his wife, Margery, to John White, fisher of Bristol, and Margery, his wife, daughter of the said William and Margery Somerton, of an annual rent of 25s. 8d. issuing from a tenement in Bristol, to be held in frankmarriage. Latin. Dated Michaelmas, 4 Richard II (1380).	250
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(75 b).	Grant by Thomas Slye, executor of the will of Juliana, his wife, who was the executrix of the will of John Hyham, her first husband, to John Sherp', of Bristol, of a tenement in Bristol. Latin. Dated February, 9 Henry IV (1408).	251



FOLIO.	SUBJECT.	PAGE.
LXXV (76).	Blank.	
(76 b).	Licence granted by John Droys, Mayor of Bristol, and the Commonalty of the town of Bristol, to William Thamworth', clerk, Bernard Mulleward', Robert Shepherd', and Thomas Botiller to assign messuages and shops in Bristol and the suburb held of the Commonalty, for the foundation of a Chantry in the Chapel of St. Thomas the Martyr, in the suburb of Bristol. Latin. Dated October 5th, 11 Henry IV (1409).	252
LXXVI (77).	Blank.	
(77 b).	Grant by John Wermynstre, son and heir of William Wermynstre, to John Tynby, otherwise Hewys baker of Bristol, and Margery, his wife, of a tenement in the suburb of Bristol. Latin. Dated September 8th, 4 Henry VI (1425).	253
LXXVIII.	Memorandum of the election by Robert Sturmy, Mayor of Bristol and the Common Council, of Richard Hatter to the office of Mayor during the ensuing year; of Thomas Rogers, Philip Meed and John Sherp', junior, "for the eleccion of Sheriff"; and of William Howton and John Cogan to the office of bailiffs. And also of two ordinances, one relating to the Town Clerk, the other to Mayor's Sergeants. English. Dated September 15th, 33 Henry VI (1454).	253
(LXXVIII b).	Blank.	



FOLIO.	SUBJECT.	PAGE.
LXXVIII (79).	Memorandum of ordinances established by Richard Hatter, Mayor of Bristol, and others of the Common Council, relating to :— <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. The dismissal of the Town Clerk.</li><li>ii. The Mayor's Sergeants.</li><li>iii. The non-admittance of John Joce, the dismissed Town Clerk, to any of the Courts held before Mayor, Sheriff and Bailiffs of Bristol.</li></ol>	254



## THE TEXT







[*Introductory folio a.*]

TEMPORE<sup>1</sup>  
HENRY VI  
&  
EDWARD IV.

<sup>1</sup> This is in a modern hand, and, as a description of the contents of the volume, is inaccurate.



[Introductory folio b.]

In the Exchequer.  
Between The Mayor Burgesses and Commonalty } Complainants.  
of the City of Bristol.

— and —

William Miles Defendant.

October 17: 1785.

At the Execution of a Commission for Examination of witnesses  
in this Cause this writing was produced and shewn to James  
Kirkpatrick and by him deposed to at the Time of his  
Examination to the Tenth Interrogatory on the Plaintiffs parts

Before us,

Thomas Symons.

<sup>1</sup> Ward

Nathan Winder

Thos. Jones.

In the Exchequer.  
Between The Mayor Burgesses and Commonalty      Complainants.  
of the City of Bristol  
and  
Henry Cruger and John Mallard      Defendants.

October 17th. 1785.

At the Execution of a Commission for examination of witnesses  
in this Cause this writing was produced and shewn to James  
Kirkpatrick and by him deposed to at the Time of his  
Examination to the Tenth Interrogatory on the plaintiffs Parts

Before us,

Thomas Symons.

<sup>1</sup> Ward.

Nathan Winder.

Thomas Jones.

<sup>1</sup> The Christian name is undecipherable.



[*Introductory folio 1.*]

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<sup>1</sup>Hic liber appellatur magnus Rubeus Liber  
vt patet in paruo Rubeo Libro fol. 146.

<sup>1</sup> Summa xv<sup>me</sup> et x<sup>me</sup> ville Bristollie . . . ccxx li.

Villa Bristollie	{	De Warda Sancte Trinitatis . . . xxxiiii.li. vi s. . . Vltra cvis. iiiid.
		De Warda beate Marie de Foro . . . xxxvii.li. ii. s.. . . xliiii s.
		De Warda beate Marie de Redclyff l.li. vii.s. iid. . . . viii.li. xv.s. vi.d. ob.

De Warda Sancti Andoeni . . . xv.li. iii.s. . . . cvi.s. viii.d.

De Warda Omnium Sanctorum . . . xxxviii.li. ix.s. xi.d. . . . xii.li. xix.s. iiiid.

Summa xv<sup>me</sup> et x<sup>me</sup> ibidem . . . ccxx.li.

Summa Re<sup>te</sup> . . . ciii.v.li. viii.s. i d. ob.

Vltra . . . xxxiiii.li. xi.s. xd. ob. deduct' ut supra

Et pro Feudo Coll' Ibidem pro se xl.s.

The xxx<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1675.

This Booke was shewed forth to Samuel Bertram on his Examinacon to the Fourth Interr' ex parte defend' att the execucion of a Comission, att Bristow yssueing out of his Majestys Court of Exchequer Between his Majestys Attorney of the relacion of Sir William Waller Knight plaintiff and Christofer Griffin, John Jones, Sr. Robert Cam Knight and Baronett William Colson William Browne Anthony Gay and the Mayor Burgesses and Commonalty of the Citie of Bristoll defendants Before us,

Edward Browne.

Thomas Edwards.

J. Ph. Dorney (?)

Tho. <sup>2</sup> amuis.

<sup>1</sup> These entries appear to be in a sixteenth-century hand. On the right-hand side of this page someone has written the word "It'm" several times, the words "Hec Indentura" once, and some other words. The words are scattered about anyhow. Perhaps the scribe was trying his pen.

<sup>2</sup> The first letters of this name are undecipherable.



[Introductory folio 1b.]

⟨1⟩ DE PAUPERE HOMINE PRESENTANDO DECANO DE WESTBURY ET SUCCESORIBUS SUIS PER ⟨2⟩ MAIOREM VILLE BRISTOLLIE QUI PRO TEMPORE FUERIT ET SUCCESSORES SUOS IMPERPETUUM.

⟨3⟩ Venerabilibus et Circumspectis viris Willelmo Canynges Decano Ecclesie ⟨4⟩ Collegiate Sancte Trinitatis de Westbury Wygorn' Dioc' et eiusdem loci ⟨5⟩ Capitulo <sup>1</sup>Thomas Kempson,<sup>1</sup> Maior ville Bristollie Salutem et sinceram in domino ⟨6⟩ Caritatem.

Iohanni Hewys. Cum Reuerendus in Christo pater et dominus Dominus Iohannes dei gracia nuper ⟨7⟩ Wygorn' Episcopus Collegii vestri predicti Fundator et Patronus quandam Domum ⟨8⟩ vocatam le Almeshowse

Iohannes Hutton' Maior. exopposito Porte Collegii vestre [sic] predict' Ad Receptionem ⟨9⟩ Sex Pauperum pie laudabiliter et meritorie de nouo edificari fecerit ⟨10⟩ ac nonnulla terras Tenementa Redditus et possessiones pro congrua exhibicione et ⟨11⟩ Sustentacione eorundem

Ricardus Abyngdon' Maior. Pauperum imperpetuum f(ac)ienda Vobis et Collegio vestro ad ⟨12⟩ vsum dictorum Sex pauperum Donauerit et concesserit Statutaque et Ordinaciones ⟨13⟩ pro salubri Statu et Regimine

Thomas White Maior. dictorum pauperum fecerit et ediderit Volens ⟨14⟩ Statuens et Ordinans in eisdem inter cetera Nominacionem et Com-

Rogerus Coke. mendacionem ⟨15⟩ vnus dictorum Sex pauperum ad Maiorem ville Bristollie et Successores suos ⟨16⟩ Maiores ipsius ville pro tempore existentes decetero infuturo pertinere et sic pertinere ⟨17⟩ debere imperpetuum quociens et quando locum dicti pauperis sic per Maiorem nominati ⟨18⟩ et Commendati imposterum vacare contigerit prout in eisdem Ordinacionibus et ⟨19⟩ Statutis plenius

Johannem Willyam' ap' Madok' husbandman' <sup>2</sup> Willelmum Maundefeld Bochour Rogerum Smyth' Tanner' Thomas Reve Towker <sup>2</sup>Johannes Spryng Maior <sup>2</sup>Kemys. liquet Nos igitur Thomas Kempson' Maior antedictus ⟨20⟩ laudabile propositum et pium Intentum dicti Reuerendi patris in premissis merito commendantes ⟨21⟩ Dilectum nobis in Christo <sup>1</sup> Iohannem Hull' de Bristollia predicta<sup>1</sup> pauperem non Coniugatum ere ⟨22⟩ alieno non aggravatum vita et moribus honeste commendatum ad locum unius ipsorum ⟨23⟩ Sex pauperum in dicta Domo iam vacantem et ad nostram nominacionem et ⟨24⟩ commendacionem iuxta Statuta predicta iam [something *erased*] spectantem Reuerenciis vestris ⟨25⟩ tenore presencium nominamus et Commendamus vobis supplicantes quatinus eundem ⟨26⟩ Iohannem Hull' pauperem predictum sic per nos

<sup>1</sup> These words are underlined.

<sup>2</sup> Certain words are illegible here.



nominationem et commendatum ad locum vnius dictorum <27>  
Sex pauperum in dicta Domo et ad exhibicionem suam in  
eadem iuxta vim <28> formam et effectum Statutorum et  
ordinacionum dicti Reuerendi patris in hac parte editorum <29>  
admittere Ceteraque peragere que vobis in hac parte incumbunt  
Dignemini cum <30> fauore vt necessitas eiusdem pauperis  
misericorditer consulatur et vt ipse <31> omnipotenti deo inibi  
valeat famulari pro Fundatore suo preces condignas <32>  
offundendo In cuius rei testimonium etc: Sigillum Officii mei  
Maioratus ville Bristollie <33> predicte presentibus est appensum.  
Dat' Bristoll' etc: primo die Augusti Anno regni regis Henrici  
<34> Octauai Decimo Septimo. Dat' Bristoll' Terciodecimo die  
Marcii anno regni Regis <35> Henrici Octauai Decimo Septimo  
<36> Dat Bristoll'<sup>1</sup> vicesimo secundo die Septembr' anno regni  
regis Henrici Octauai xxvii<sup>o</sup> <37> Dat' Bristoll' Quarto die  
Septembr' anno regni regis Henrici Octauai xxxii<sup>do</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Bristoll', *interlined*.



[Introductory folio 2.]

⟨1⟩ DE PAUPERE MULIERE PRESENTANDO [sic]  
DECANO DE WESTBURY ET ⟨2⟩ SUCCESSORIBUS  
SUIS PER MAIOREM VILLE BRISTOLLIE QUI PRO  
⟨3⟩ TEMPORE FUERIT ET SUCCESSORES SUOS  
IMPERPETUUM.

⟨4⟩ Venerabilibus et Circumspectis viris Willelmo Cannynges  
Decano ⟨5⟩ Ecclesie Collegiate et Collegii Sancte Trinitatis de  
Westbury Wigorn' ⟨6⟩ Dioc' et eiusdem loci Capitulo Elizabeth  
Hawkys uxor Iohannis Hawkys Maioris ⟨7⟩ ville Bristollie  
Salutem et sinceram in domino Caritatem Cum Reuerendus in  
Christo ⟨8⟩ Pater et Dominus Dominus Iohannes dei gracia  
Wigorn' Episcopus et Collegii vestri predicti ⟨9⟩ Fundator et  
Patronus quandam Domum iuxta Ecclesiam vestram Collegiatam  
⟨10⟩ predictam ad Recepcionem Sex pauperum viduarum pie  
laudabiliter ac meritorie de ⟨11⟩ novo edificari fecerit Ac terras  
Tenementa Redditus et possessiones pro congrua Exhibicione  
⟨12⟩ et sustentacione earundem pauperum viduarum imperpetuum  
F(ac)ienda Vobis et Collegio vestro ⟨13⟩ ad vsum dictarum Sex  
viduarum donauerit et concesserit Statutaque et Ordinaciones  
⟨14⟩ pro Salubri Statu et Regimine dictarum viduarum fecerit et  
ediderit volens statuens ⟨15⟩ et ordinans in eisdem inter cetera  
Nominacionem et commendacionem vnus dictarum ⟨16⟩ Sex  
viduarum ad vxorem maioris ville Bristollie pro tempore existentis  
vna cum consensu ⟨17⟩ et assensu omnium aliarum honestarum  
Mulierum que Olim Fuerunt vxores Maiorum dicte ⟨18⟩ ville  
Bristollie decetero infutur' pertinere debere imperpetuum quociens  
et quando locum ⟨19⟩ dicte vidue sic per vxorem Maioris nominate  
et commendate imposterum Vacare ⟨20⟩ contigerit prout in  
eisdem ordinacionibus et statutis plenius liquet Ego igitur prefata  
⟨21⟩ Elizabeth Hawkys vxor prefati Iohannis Hawkys nunc  
Maioris ville Bristollie laudabile ⟨22⟩ propositum et pium  
Intentum dicti Reverendi Patris in premissis merito commendans  
habito ⟨23⟩ Super hoc Cum Sororibus meis venerabilibus que  
nuper fuerunt vxores Maiorum dicte ville ⟨24⟩ Bristollie tractatu  
diligenti de earum consensu et assensu Dilectam michi in Christo  
Gracianam ⟨25⟩ Lukas de Bristollia predicta viduam ere alieno  
non aggrauatam vita et moribus ⟨26⟩ merito commendandam ad  
locum vnus dictarum Sex pauperum viduarum in dicta domo Iam  
⟨27⟩ vacantem et ad meam nominacionem et commendacionem

Thome  
Hanyball'  
Clerico

Iohanna Hob  
vxor Ricardi  
Hoby.

Oliua vxor  
Iohannis  
Wilkyns.

Iohanna  
Hoby vxor  
prefati  
Ricardi  
Hoby.

Margaretam  
Collok'  
viduam.

Agnetem  
Dassheford'  
alias  
dictam  
Agnetem  
Wellys  
viduam.



vna cum Consensu et assensu <28> dictarum Sororum mearum  
 que Fuerunt vxores Maiorum dicte ville Iuxta Statuta Dicti  
 <29> Reverendi Patris Iam primo spectan' Reuerenciis vestris  
 tenore presencium Nomino et <30> commendo Vobis supplicans  
 quatenus eandem Gracianam Lukas Pauperem viduam <31>  
 predictam Sic per me Cum Consensu et assensu dictarum Sororum  
 mearum nominatam et commendatam <32> ad locum vnus  
 dictarum Sex viduarum et ad exhibicionem suam in eadem  
 Domo iuxta Vim <33> Formam et effectum Statutorum et  
 Ordinacionum Dicti Reverendi Patris in hac parte editorum  
 admittere <34> Ceteraque peragere que vobis in hac parte  
 Incumbunt Dignemini cum Favore In cuius <35> rei testimonium  
 Sigillum Officii Maioratus predictae ville Bristollie presentibus Ricardus  
 apponi <36> procuraui Et ego nos<sup>1</sup> Iohannes Hawkys Maior Hoby  
 ville Bristollie predictae ad Specialem et <37> personalem Rogatum  
 dicte Elizabeth vxoris mee Sigillum officii<sup>2</sup> Maioratus Dicte Ville  
 <38> Bristollie presentibus apposui<sup>3</sup> Data Bristoll' predict'  
 vicesimo die Iulii Anno Regni <39> Regis Edwardi quarti post  
 Conquestum Duodecimo  
 <40><sup>4</sup> Elizabeth' Elyott' vxor Roberti Elyott' nominauit etc : Dat' xxvii  
 Aliciam prought viduam etc. Iohanni Barlo <41> Decano etc : die Septembris  
 Dat' tercio die Nouembris anno regni regis predicti Tricesimo anno regni  
 secundo. regis Henrici viii.  
 xvi<sup>o</sup>.

[Introductory folio 2b is blank.]

<sup>1</sup> ego, above the line ; nos, underlined.

<sup>2</sup> officii, interlined.

<sup>3</sup> mus, struck through.

<sup>4</sup> In another hand.



[Introductory folio 3.]

⟨1⟩	RENTALE FIRME	
⟨2⟩	REDDITUS LOCALIS VILLE BRISTOLLIE ANNUATIM AD	
⟨3⟩	De Henrico le Scryuein pro Iohanne de Dene et	ii. s.
⟨4⟩	Thomas Aillard de quodam tenemento in	
	Mercato ⟨5⟩ quod	
⟨6⟩	De Cristina Hail pro Willelmo Dren de quodem	iii s
⟨7⟩	tenemento in mercato quod	
⟨8⟩	De vicario ecclesie Sancti Augustini versus <i>forme</i>	vi d
⟨9⟩	quod	
⟨10⟩	De Ricardo le White Irmonger pro tenemento	ix s
	Kokebell' ⟨11⟩ quod	
⟨12⟩	De Willelmo de Romesy pro Willelmo atte Tolselde	vi s
⟨13⟩	pro quodam tenemento in	⟨14⟩ quod
⟨15⟩	De villata Bristollie pro firma Gaole	xl s
⟨16⟩	De Iohanne Hobbes pro Gardino Regis super	
⟨17⟩	Montem sancti Michaelis quod fuis Cristine	xviii s
⟨18⟩	le Clerc' quod	
⟨19⟩	De michaelie Dann pro tenemento et Gardino	xx s
	que ⟨20⟩ fuerunt quondam Petri Aurifabri	
	que	
⟨21⟩	De Iohanne de London pro duabus shoppis sub	xx s
	Tols' ⟨22⟩ que	
⟨23⟩	De Roberto de Cadebur' pro tenemento quondam	
	Petri ⟨24⟩ Miperty in Wynchstret que	v s
⟨25⟩	De tenemento quondam Menrok' Iudei conuersi nichil	
	⟨26⟩ quia placea vacua	
⟨27⟩	De Ricardo le Suller pro tenemento quondam	xii s
	Matilde ⟨28⟩ Salerere iuxta Fromebrug' quod	
⟨29⟩	De Roberto le Wirdrawer pro tenemento quondam	viii s
	Benedicti ⟨30⟩ de Wynton' Iudei in	
	⟨31⟩ quod	
⟨32⟩	De tenemento quondam Egidii le Mason' et quondam	vi s
	⟨33⟩ Mossi de Kent in Wynchstret quod	
⟨34⟩	De Iocoo de Reigny pro Cimiterio Iudeorum	
	⟨35⟩ iuxta Montem sancti Brandani	vi s viii d

<sup>1</sup> The rents are in two columns, and in order to make the numbering of the lines possible each column is treated as though it occupied a separate page.



## DOMINI REGIS DE VILLA SUA BRISTOLLIE.

QUATUOR ANNI TERMINOS PRINCIPALES PER PARTICULAS LEVAND'

- |   |          |
|---|----------|
| ⟨3⟩ De Thoma de Pridie pro tenemento Regis iuxta stallas              |          |
| ⟨4⟩ Carnificum quod   | xxiiii s |
| ⟨5⟩ De Galfrido Iustice et Alano Lorymer pro scolis                   |          |
| ⟨6⟩ Iudeorum in Wynchestret que                                       | xvi s    |
| ⟨7⟩ De Adam de Temple pro fossato versus Berhull'                     | xii d    |
| ⟨8⟩ quod  |          |
| ⟨9⟩ De Alicia filia Iohannis le Toller pro quadam                     | vi s     |
| ⟨10⟩ domo et Camera iuxta Portam Laffardi ⟨11⟩ que                    |          |
| ⟨12⟩ De Roberto le Marschal pro Pir' Iudeorum in                      | xii d    |
| ⟨13⟩ que  |          |
| ⟨14⟩ De Roberto de Paris pro Roberto Holhorst pro                     | ii s     |
| ⟨15⟩ quadam placea iuxta stall' qua                                   |          |
| ⟨16⟩ De Rogero Pert pro Waltero parsona ecclesie                      | xii d    |
| ⟨17⟩ sancti Philippi pro veteribus Scolis ex opposito<br>sancti Petri |          |
| ⟨18⟩ De Ioceo de Karlion pro quodam tenemento                         |          |
| ⟨19⟩ in Wynchestret quod  |          |
| ⟨20⟩ De Galfrido vassall pro quodam tenemento in                      |          |
| ⟨21⟩ Mercato quod   |          |
| ⟨22⟩ De Waltero le Menn pro tenemento quod fuit                       |          |
| ⟨23⟩ Menrok' Iudei conuersi   |          |



*Introductory folio 3b.]*

⟨1⟩ REDDITUS ASS' PERTINENTES FIRME VILLE BRISTOLLIE  
ANNUATIM TANTUM AD FESTUM SANCTI MICHAELIS LEUAND':  
VIDELICET

⟨2⟩ De tenemento Henrici de Calne de  
Mercato ⟨3⟩ quod ii d

⟨4⟩ De tenemento Iohannis Clerici  
ibidem quod ii d

⟨5⟩ De tenemento Thome atte Redeland  
nunc Petri ⟨6⟩ Toller quod ii d

⟨7⟩ De Cristina Hail pro Thoma  
Munsorel pro ⟨8⟩ tenemento quod ii s

⟨9⟩ De tenemento Leticie Dodyng iuxta  
Bowenebrug ⟨10⟩ quod i libra Cummini

⟨11⟩ De tenemento Roberti Prentis pro  
Petro Leye ⟨12⟩ in quod ii Capones

⟨13⟩ De Ricardo de Knolle pro tene-  
mento suo in ⟨14⟩ quod ii d

⟨15⟩ De tenemento Ricardi de Sarum  
iuxta le Were ⟨16⟩ quod ii s

⟨17⟩ De tenemento Arnoldi de Berkeleye  
in la Brode-⟨18⟩-mede quod vi d

⟨19⟩ De Iohanne Brideport pro Cornerio  
quondam ⟨20⟩ Thome Selewey iuxta  
altam Crucem ⟨21⟩ quod v s

⟨22⟩ De tenemento Henrici de Fromp-  
ton' pro Willelmo ⟨23⟩ Outhlagh de  
tenemento de Corderie [*sic*] quod

i par Calcarum deauratorum

⟨24⟩ De tenemento dicti Henrici de  
Frompton' pro Iohanne ⟨25⟩ Welleschote  
super pontem Abonie ⟨26⟩ quod x s

⟨27⟩ De tenemento Thome Coker in  
Mercato ⟨28⟩ quod vi d

⟨29⟩ De tenemento sancti Ionys super  
la Were ⟨30⟩ quod ii s

⟨31⟩ De parsona ecclesie sancti Petri  
pro una placea ⟨32⟩ terre sub vectoribus  
[*sic*] scolis quod xii d

⟨2⟩ De tenemento Walteri Swain pro  
Ricardo Tyllly ⟨3⟩ de Tronag' in  
quod x s

⟨4⟩ De tenemento Iociei [*sic*] de  
Reigny iuxta veteres ⟨5⟩ Scolas quod  
vi d.

⟨6⟩ REDDITUS VOCAT' WODE-  
SELUER PERTINEN' ⟨7⟩ AD  
FIRMAM DOMINI REGIS IN VILLA  
BRISTOLLIE ⟨8⟩ SOLUEND'  
ANNUATIM IN FESTO NATIUI-  
⟨9⟩-TATIS SANCTI IOHANNIS  
BAPTISTE: VIDELICET

⟨10⟩ De feodo Lyons ii s  
⟨11⟩ De feodo Arthur ii s  
⟨12⟩ De feodo Ruskyn ii s



- <33>** De tenemento Rogeri Cantok in  
                    **<34>** quod                         i d  
**<35>** De Iohanne Clyvedon' pro Simon'  
de Ely pro **<36>** tenemento quod fuit  
Rogeri le Barbour in **<37>** Wynchestrete  
  vi s  
**<38>** De tenemento Gilberti Fraunceis  
pro Roberto **<39>** Bardeneye in  
quod   vi d.

- <I3> De feodo Norton Marleward    vi s  
 <I4> De feodo de Bedmenstre                      xiii s iiii d  
 <I5> De feodo de Knolle                      vi s viii d.

[Introductory folio 4.]

- <1> CONSUETUDO TEXTORUM  
 LANARUM AD <2> FESTUM  
 SANCTI PETRI AD VINCULA  
 <3> ANNUATIM LEUANDA

- <4> De quolibet Textorum Lanarum  
 habitantium <5> citra aquam Abone ad  
 predictum <6> festum ix d  
 <7> Et non ponitur in certo quia  
 aliquando plures <8> aliquando pauciores

- <9> CONSUETUDO PISTORUM  
TEXTORUM LANARUM ET <10>  
SUTORUM ANNUATIM AD FESTUM  
SANCTI MARTINI <11> LEUANDA

- <I2> De quatuor pistoribus locantibus  
 quatuor <I3> Cophinos magnos iuxta  
 ecclesiam <I4> sancte Trinitatis videlicet  
 de quolibet eorum . . . xii d      iiii s.

- <16> Item de omnibus aliis pistoribus  
 vendentibus <17> panes in Cophinis  
 circa crucem <18> ibidem uidelicet  
 de quolibet eorum vi d.

- (19) Et non ponitur in certo quia  
 aliquando (20) plures et aliquando  
 pauciores

- <21> Item de quolibet Textor' laneo  
 <22> Manente citra aquam Abonie ad  
 <23> predictum festum ix d.

- <24> Item de quolibet Sutor' citra  
 aquam Abonie <25> ad eundem  
 terminum ii d.

- {1} CONSUE TUDO REGRAIATRI-  
 CIUM VENDENTIUM FAB' ET PIS'  
 ET {2} HUIUSMODI ANNUATIM  
 AD MED' QUADRAGESIME  
 LEUANDA.

- <3> De qualibet regratatrie [*sic*]  
 seu regratatore <4> vendend' huius-  
 modi ob.

- <5> Et non ponitur in certo quia  
 aliquando plures et <6> aliquando  
 paciores [*sic*]



[*Introductory folio 4b.*]

⟨1⟩ LANGABULUM DOMINI REGIS INFRA MUROS VILLE

⟨2⟩ QUARTERIUM SANCTE TRINITATIS.

⟨3⟩ De tenemento Ricardi Tyly pro  
Ricardo atte Pipe ⟨4⟩ in iii d. ob. qa.

⟨5⟩ De eodem Ricardo pro Waltero pro  
tenemento in ⟨6⟩ Cimiterio quod i d.

⟨7⟩ De tenemento Isobell' de Bury pro  
Iohanne de ⟨8⟩ Pederton in iii d. ob. qa.

⟨9⟩ De tenemento Rogeri Cantok in  
⟨10⟩ quod vii d. ob.

⟨11⟩ De tenemento eiusdem Rogeri in  
⟨12⟩ quod iii d. ob. qa.

⟨13⟩ De tenemento Thome de Salopia  
pro Willelmo ⟨14⟩ Scoche in xvii d. qa.

⟨15⟩ De tenemen to Iohannis Larblaster  
pro Philippo de ⟨16⟩ Tyuerton<sup>1</sup> in  
vii d. ob.

⟨17⟩ De tenemento Iohannis Pollard  
pro Thoma Munsorell' ⟨18⟩ in xv d.

⟨19⟩ De tenemento Iohannis le Hunte  
Mercer pro Petro Oriol ⟨20⟩ in xi d.

⟨21⟩ De tenemento Petri le Bowier pro  
Adam ⟨22⟩ de Circestre in iii d. ob. qa.

⟨23⟩ De Waltero Heruy pro Iohanne  
Adrian pro tenemento suo ⟨24⟩ in xv d.

⟨25⟩ De tenemento Joicei de Reigny pro  
Laurencio de Cary ⟨26⟩ in vii d. ob.

⟨27⟩ De tenemento eiusdem Joicei pro  
dicto Laurencio ⟨28⟩ in iii d. ob. qa.

⟨29⟩ De tenemento Petri Muntestephen  
pro Iohanne filio ⟨30⟩ Ade Clerici  
iii d. ob. qa.

⟨31⟩ De tenemento eiusdem Petri pro  
dicto Adam ⟨32⟩ in vii d. ob.

⟨33⟩ De tenemento Magistri le Mason pro  
Thoma ⟨34⟩ Kenfeg' in iii d. ob. qa.

⟨35⟩ De tenemento Walteri Munstephen  
pro Iohanne ⟨36⟩ filio Ricardi Ioeuene  
in

⟨37⟩ quod vii d. ob.

⟨3⟩ De Bernardo atte Wolde pro  
Alexandro ⟨4⟩ le Touker pro tenemento  
suo in

⟨5⟩ quod iii d. ob. qa.

⟨6⟩ De eodem Bernardo pro Galfrido  
Compere ⟨7⟩ pro tenemento suo in

⟨8⟩ quod iii d. ob. qa.

⟨9⟩ De Domo ecclesie sancti Iohannis  
in

⟨10⟩ quod i d.

⟨11⟩ De tenemento Abbatis Sancti  
Augustini ⟨12⟩ in iii d. ob. qa.

⟨13⟩ De tenemento Ricardi Page pro  
Petro Oriol ⟨14⟩ in vii d. ob.

⟨15⟩ De tenemento Laurencii de Carye  
pro Rogero ⟨16⟩ Cantok iii d. ob. qa.

⟨17⟩ De tenemento eiusdem Laurencii pro  
Willelmo ⟨18⟩ Clerico in iii d. ob. qa.

⟨19⟩ De tenemento eiusdem Laurencii  
pro Stepheno ⟨20⟩ le Long iii d. ob. qa.

⟨21⟩ De tenemento eiusdem Laurencii  
pro Cecil' ⟨22⟩ le Tauerner iii d. ob. qa.

⟨23⟩ De tenemento Walteri Heruy pro  
Philippo de ⟨24⟩ Tyuerton' xiii d. qa.

⟨25⟩ De tenemento Abbatis sancti  
Augustini ⟨26⟩ in iii [d] ob. qa.

⟨27⟩ De tenemento Rogeri Cantok' pro  
Iohanne ⟨28⟩ Aillard ob. qa.

⟨29⟩ De tenemento eiusdem Rogeri pro  
dicto Iohanne ⟨30⟩ in iii d. ob. qa.

⟨31⟩ De tenemento Iohannis de Weston'  
pro Nicholao ⟨32⟩ filio Martini viii d. ob.

⟨33⟩ De tenemento Thome Russell' pro  
Willelmo ⟨34⟩ de Parys xv d.

⟨35⟩ De tenemento Iohannis Weston'  
pro Rois' de ⟨36⟩ Weston' vii d. ob.

<sup>1</sup> This word is a little doubtful. It is written "Tym'ton." It is undoubtedly "Tyuerton" in line 24 of the opposite column.



[Introductory folio 5.]

⟨1⟩ BRISTOLLIE ANNUATIM AD LE HOCKDAY LEUANDUM

⟨2⟩ De tenemento Prioris Sancti Iacobi  
 ⟨3⟩ pro Nicholao de Lyons in  
 ⟨4⟩ quod xv. d.  
 ⟨5⟩ De tenemento Martini de Brudeport  
 ⟨6⟩ Pro Waltero le Joeuene in  
 ⟨7⟩ quod iii d. ob. qa.  
 ⟨8⟩ De Iohanne de Weston' pro Iohanne  
 de ⟨9⟩ Whitechurche pro tenemento  
 suo.

in ⟨10⟩ quod vii d. ob.

⟨11⟩ De tenemento Eborardo [*sic*]  
 Fraunceis pro ⟨12⟩ Henrico Gerard  
 i d. ob.

⟨13⟩ De Gilberto Fraunceys pro  
 Roberto ⟨14⟩ Bardoneye pro tenemento  
 suo in iii d. ob. qa.

⟨15⟩ De tenemento eiusdem Gilberti  
 pro dicto Roberto ⟨16⟩ in i d. ob.

⟨17⟩ De tenemento quondam Hake le  
 Prestre ⟨18⟩ et nunc in manu Regis  
 vi d. ob. qa.

⟨19⟩ De tenemento Abbatis sancti  
 Augustini ⟨20⟩ in i d. ob.

⟨21⟩ QUARTERIUM BEATE MARIE  
 IN FORO.

⟨22⟩ De tenemento Abbatis sancti  
 Augustini ⟨23⟩ pro feodo Dasshton' in  
 ⟨24⟩ quod xv. d.

⟨25⟩ De tenemento Nicholai de Roulgh'  
 pro ⟨26⟩ Ioete [*sic*] iii d. ob. qa.

⟨27⟩ De tenemento dicte Ioete in  
 vii d.

⟨2⟩ De tenemento Abbatis Sancti  
 Augustini ⟨3⟩ in vii d. ob.

⟨4⟩ De tenemento Simonis Forstal pro  
 Margareta ⟨5⟩ Hamelden' in vii d. ob.

⟨6⟩ De tenemento eiusdem Simonis  
 pro dicta ⟨7⟩ Margareta in vii d. ob.

⟨8⟩ De tenemento Ade Beuflour  
 quondam ⟨9⟩ Thome Lude in vii d. ob.

⟨10⟩ De tenemento Thome Teband pro  
 Alicia ⟨11⟩ Wyneman xi d. qa.

⟨12⟩ De tenemento Simonis de Ely pro  
 Iacobo ⟨13⟩ Iudei [*sic*] in iii d. ob. qa.

⟨14⟩ De tenemento Abbatis Sancti  
 Augustini pro Iohanne ⟨15⟩ Leygraue  
 xv d.

⟨16⟩ De tenemento eiusdem Abbatis  
 in iii d. ob. qa.

⟨17⟩ De tenemento sororis Dionisii  
 Langlord ⟨18⟩ in iii d. ob. qa.

⟨19⟩ De tenemento Ricardi Horncastel  
 pro Ricardo ⟨20⟩ Harpere vii d. ob.

⟨21⟩ De tenemento Willelmi Randulf  
 pro Lucia Rop ⟨22⟩ in vii d. ob.

⟨23⟩ De tenemento Iohannis Kerdyf  
 Iunioris pro Alicia ⟨24⟩ Muntioye  
 vii d. ob.

⟨25⟩ De tenemento Thome London'  
 Cissor' pro ⟨26⟩ Ricardo Calne  
 vii d. ob.

⟨27⟩ De Magistro sancti Iohannis pro  
 tenemento Willelmi Rusi ⟨28⟩ in i d. ob.

⟨29⟩ De Ricardo de Well' pro tenemento  
 Henrici ⟨30⟩ Adryan vii d. ob.

⟨31⟩ De tenemento Elene Adryan  
 Barbour in iii d. ob. qa.



*Introductory folio 5b.]*

<1> De tenemento Ricardi de Marche  
pro Ricardo Adrian <2> in iii d. ob. qa.  
<3> De tenemento quondam Iohannis  
Tyke pro Thoma <4> Corduaner in  
vii d. ob.

<5> De tenemento Iohannis Turtle pro  
Iurdano Ruso <6> in iii d. ob. qa.

<7> De tenemento Nicholai Roulgh'  
pro Lucia Rop <8> in iii d. ob. qa.

<9> De tenemento Abbatis sancti  
Augustini <10> in vii d. ob.

<11> De tenemento Ricardi de Calne  
pro Iohanne <12> Leygraue xv d.

<13> De tenemento Iohannis Tumbrel  
pro Iohanne <14> Portesheued v d. ob.

<15> De tenemento eiusdem Iohannis  
pro dicto Iohanne <16> in i d. qa.

<17> De tenemento eiusdem Iohannis  
pro Willelmo Munsorel <18> in  
iii d. ob. qa.

<19> De tenemento Iohannis atte Walle  
pro Simone <20> Adrian in ob.

<21> De Iohanne Reynald pro Thoma  
Munsorell' <22> pro tenemento  
iii d. ob. qa.

<23> De tenemento Roberti le Tauerner  
pro Adam <24> de Button' vii d. ob.

<25> De tenemento Willelmi de Stoke  
pro Henrico de <26> Camme iii d. qa.

<27> De tenemento Thome Lampner  
pro Ricardo Adrian <28> in iii d. ob.

<29> De tenemento Ricardi de Well'  
pro Henrico de <30> Camme iii d. ob. qa.

<31> De tenemento Willelmi de Stoke  
pro tememento Iohannis Monach <32>  
in vii d. ob.

<33> De tenemento Willelmi Outlaghe  
pro Ricardo de la <34> Corder'  
i d. ob. qa.

<35> De tenemento Ricardi de Weston'  
pro Agatha Martyn <36> in iii d. ob. qa.

<1> De tenemento Ricardi de Calne pro  
Willelmo <2> Corduaner iii d. ob. qa.

<3> De tenemento Ricardi Boritton' pro  
Iohanne <4> Mark' vii d. ob.

# <5> QUARTERIUM OMNIUM SANCTORUM

<6> De tenemento Magistri sancti  
Laurentii <7> in iii d. ob. qa.

<8> De tenemento Iohannis Horncastel  
<9> in iii d. ob. qa.

<10> De tenemento quondam Margarete  
<11> Cantok' in iii d. ob. qa.

<12> De tenemento Iohanne Orcok' pro  
Iohanne <13> Holegroue iii d. ob. qa.

<14> De tenemento Iohannis de London'  
Cook' <15> pro Waltero Vphull' in  
<16> quod iii d. ob. qa.

<17> De tenemento Simonis de Ely pro  
dicto <18> Waltero iii d. ob. qa.

<19> De tenemento Elie pie pro Waltero  
Hail <20> in iii d. ob. qa.

<21> De tenemento Rogeri Dapperley  
pro Henrici [sic] <22> de Calne  
iii d. ob. qa.

<23> De tenemento Prioris sancti Jacobi  
pro Ricardo <24> Flanchard  
iii d. ob. qa.

<25> De tenemento Ricardi Tilly in  
<26> quod vii d. ob.

<27> De tenemento eiusdem Ricardi in  
<28> quod vii d. ob.

<29> De tenemento eiusdem Ricardi in  
vii d. ob.



[*Introductory folio 6.*]

<1> De tenemento Eborardi Fraunceis  
et <2> Ricardi Tylly pro Thoma  
Keneteg' <3> in xv d.  
<4> De tenemento Willelmi de la More  
pro <5> Iohanne le feble <6> quod  
xi d. ob.  
<7> De tenemento Stepheni le Spicer  
pro <8> Petro Aurifabr' <9> quod  
i d. qa.  
<10> De tenemento eiusdem Stepheni  
pro Willelmo <11> Vnderfate  
iii d. ob. qa.  
<12> De tenemento Ricardi Tilly pro  
Roberto <13> Pycard xi d. qa.  
<14> De tenemento<sup>1</sup> eiusdem Ricardi in  
<15> quod iii d. ob. qa.  
<16> De tenemento Willelmi Hauyfeld'  
pro Adam <17> de Wynton' in  
<18> quod iii d. ob. qa.  
<19> De tenemento Iohannis Wellys-  
chote pro <20> Brounyng de Peute  
<21> quod i d.  
<22> De Iohanne Cloof' pro Adam de  
<23> Wynton' Clerico pro tenemento  
suo <24> quod iii d. ob. qa.  
<25> De tenemento eiusdem Iohannis  
pro Petro <26> le Martre in  
<27> quod vii d. ob.  
<28> De tenemento Iohannis Fraunceis  
Iunioris <29> pro Philippo Kedewelly  
in <30> quod i d.  
<31> De tenemento Iohannis Kerdyf'  
pro Waltero <32> Monemuth' in  
<33> quod vii d. ob.  
<34> De tenemento Roberti Oteri pro  
Thome [*sic*] <35> Ayllard in  
<36> quod iii d. ob. qa.

<1> De tenemento eiusdem Roberti pro  
Petro Clerico <2> in i d. ob.  
<3> De tenemento Cecilie le Clerk' pro  
Thoma <4> Rous in i d.  
<5> De tenemento Roberti Oteri pro  
Reginaldo Clerico <6> in iii d. ob. qa.  
<7> De tenemento Willelmi Daxe pro  
Iohanne Snowe <8> in iii d. ob. qa.  
<9> De tenemento eiusdem Willelmi  
pro Iohanne de <10> Berwyke ii d. ob.  
<11> De tenemento Cecilie le Clerk' ex  
opposito <12> ibidem in i d.  
<13> De tenemento Willelmi Daxe pro  
Gilberto le <14> Cornmangare v d.  
<15> De tenemento Cecilie le Clerk'  
pro Iohanne <16> Clerico ex opposito  
ibidem <17> quod iii d. ob. qa.  
<18> De tenemento Walteri le Wizt  
in <19> quod vii d. ob.  
<20> De tenemento Roberti Snowe pro  
Ricardo <21> quod xv d.  
<22> De tenemento Roberti Montioye  
pro Roberto de <23> Lye iii d. ob. qa.  
<24> De tenemento Willelmi Aubrey  
pro Iohanne Kerdyf' <25> in i d. ob.  
<26> De tenemento eiusdem Willelmi  
pro dicto Iohanne <27> in iii d. ob. qa.  
<28> De tenemento Willelmi Daxe pro  
Nicholao Viel <29> in vii d. ob.  
<30> De Philippo de Sweynse pro Simon'  
de <31> Beryton' pro tenemento suo  
in <32> quod iii d. ob. qa.  
<33> De tenemento eiusdem Philippi  
pro Wymark' Gaylard <34> in  
vii d. ob.  
<35> De tenemento Abbatis sancte  
[*sic*] Augustini pro Iohanne <36>  
Sanekyn in iii d. ob. qa.



[*Introductory folio 6b.*]

- <1> De tenemento Roberti le Passour  
 pro Galfrido <2> Styel      iii d. ob. qa.  
 <3> De tenemento eiusdem Roberti pro  
 dicto Galfrido <4> in      iii d. ob. qa.  
 <5> De Willelmo Daxe pro Iohanne  
 Snou pro tenemento <6> in      v d.  
 <7> De tenemento eiusdem Willelmi pro  
 Iohanne Wymark <8> in      iii d.  
 <9> De tenemento eiusdem Willelmi pro  
 dicto Iohanne <10> in      iii d.  
 <11> De tenemento Thome Vppediche  
 pro Willelmo <12> Clerico      xii d.  
 <13> De tenemento Ricardi de Wodhulle  
 pro Edone <14> Dacton' in      vii d.  
 <15> De tenemento Willelmi Randulf  
 pro Iohanne de <16> Stapulton'  
    iii d. ob. qa.  
 <17> De tenemento Iohannis de  
 Romeneye pro Willelmo <18> Adrian  
    iii d. ob. qa.  
 <19> De tenemento Rogeri Turtle pro  
 Roberto Snou <20> in      iii d. ob. qa.  
 <21> De tenemento Hugonis Payn pro  
 Petro le Martre <22> in      vii d. ob.  
 <23> De tenemento Prioris sancti Iacobi  
 pro Iohanne Tyke <24> in      i d. ob.  
 <25> De tenemento Martini Horncastel  
 pro Iohanne Touy <26> in      i d. ob.  
 <27> QUARTERIUM SANCTI  
 ANDOENI  
 <28> De priore de Bradeleye pro duabus  
 shopis <29> iuxta ecclesiam sancti  
 Andoeni in      ii d. ob.  
 <30> De tenemento Iohannis de Hanlo  
 pro Iohanna Lydeard <31> in  
    xii d. ob.  
 <32> De tenemento dicti Iohannis pro  
 dicta Iohanna in <33>      xv d.  
 quod

- <1> De tenemento Iohannis Doint pro  
 Waltero Pollard <2> in      iii d. ob. qa.  
 <3> De tenemento Thome Russell' pro  
 Roberto <4> Bardeneye in      iii d. ob. qa.  
 <5> De tenemento Alexandri Bonesant  
 pro Roberto <6> Bardeneye      vii d. ob.  
 <7> De tenemento Iohannis filii Iohannis  
 pro Iohanne <8> Snou      iii d. ob. qa.  
 <9> De tenemento Willelmi Bette pro  
 Galfrido Agodes-<10>-half in      xv d.  
 <11> De tenemento Iohannis le Mason  
 pro Henrico <12> Broun      iii d. ob. qa.  
 <13> De tenemento Geruas de Cary pro  
 Iohanne <14> Snou      iii d. ob. qa.  
 <15> De tenemento Henrici Long' pro  
 Willelmo Wylde <16> in      iii d. ob. qa.  
 <17> De tenemento ecclesie sancte  
 Werburge <18> quod      iii d. ob. qa.  
 <19> De tenemento Rogeri Beauflour  
 pro Iohanne <20> le Palmere      iii d. ob. qa.  
 <21> De tenemento Iohannis de London'  
 pro Simone <22> Boriton'      iii d. ob. qa.  
 <23> De tenemento eiusdem Iohannis  
 pro dicto Simone <24> in      iii d. ob. qa.  
 <25> De tenemento Nicholai de Roulgh'  
 pro Thoma <26> Coker      iii d. ob. qa.  
 <27> De tenemento Ricardi Edmund'  
 pro Willelmo de <28> Kerdyf'      ii d. ob.  
 <29> De tenemento eiusdem Ricardi  
 pro dicto Willelmo <30> in      ii d.  
 <31> De tenemento eiusdem Ricardi  
 pro dicto Willelmo <32> ibidem      iii d.  
 <33> De tenemento Iohannis Godeman  
 pro Iohanna <34> Lydeard      x d. qa.  
 <35> De tenemento eiusdem Iohannis  
 pro Willelmo de <36> Ciston'  
    iii d. ob. qa.  
 <37> De tenemento quondam Hugonis  
 de Okeburn'      ob. qa.



[*Introductory folio 7.*]

<1> De tenemento quondam Geruas' le  
Palmere <2> in ob. qa.

<3> De tenemento Iohannis de Buyres  
pro Ricardo <14> le Ioeuene

xiii d. ob. qa.

<5> De tenemento Arnoldi Fremland  
pro <6> Simone Clerico i d.

<7> De tenemento eiusdem Arnoldi pro  
dicto <8> Simone ii d. ob.

<9> De tenemento eiusdem Arnoldi pro  
dicto <10> Simone ii d.

<11> De tenemento Walteri Munte-  
stephene pro <12> Ricardo Ioeuene

iii d. ob. qa.

<13> De tenemento Thome de la  
Graue pro <14> Stepheno le Ioeuene

<15> quod iii d. ob. qa.

<16> De tenemento Wyburgh' pro  
Simone le <17> Portor iii d. ob. qa.

<18> De tenemento quondam Iohannis  
Touy in <19> quod

iii d. ob. qa.

<20> De tenemento Iohannis Godeman  
pro Iohanna <21> Lydeard iii d. ob. qa.

<22> De tenemento eiusdem Iohannis  
pro dicta Iohanna <23> in vii d. ob.

<24> De tenemento Rogeri Beauflour  
pro dicta <25> Iohanna xi d. qa.

<26> De tenemento Ricardi Edmund  
pro Stephano <27> Colram vii d. ob.

<28> De tenemento quondam Willelmi  
Hockespone <29> in i d. ob.

<30> De tenemento Rogeri de Medeleyeye  
pro <31> Roberto Bardeneye i d. ob.

<32> De tenemento eiusdem Rogeri pro  
dicto Roberto <33> in iii d. ob. qa.

<34> De tenemento Iohannis de  
Romeneye pro Iohanna <35> Lydeard

vii d. ob.

<36> De tenemento Thome de la Graue  
pro <37> Margareta Hameldon' xv d.

<1> De tenemento Philippi le Wodeward  
pro Thoma le <2> White iii d. ob. qa.

<3> De tenemento Thome de Romener  
pro Iohanne <4> Tiwryzt iii d. ob. qa.

<5> De tenemento Willelmi Randulf pro  
Iohanne de <6> Cheddre iii d. ob. qa.

<7> De tenemento eiusdem Willelmi pro  
dicto Iohanne <8> in iii d. ob. qa.

<9> De tenemento quondam Ade de  
Romoneye' <10> in iii d. ob. qa.

<11> De tenemento Iohannis de  
Romeneye pro Iohanne <12> de Hanlo

vii d. ob.

<13> De tenemento Iohannis de Hanlo  
pro Iohanna <14> Ledoard vii d. ob.

<15> De tenemento Iohannis le Hunte  
pro Cristina Gylot <16> in ob.

<17> De tenemento Walteri Mun-  
stephene pro Roberto <18> Bardoneye

iii d. ob. qa.

<19> De tenemento Iohannis atte Celer  
pro Gilberto le <20> Spicer xv d.

<21> De tenemento Rogeri Turtle pro  
Iohanne Coko <22> in xv d.

<23> De tenemento Communitatis  
Bristollie pro Thome <24> Knyntwyne

vii d. ob.

<25> De tenemento Petri Fraunceis pro  
Isabella <26> Fraunceys v d.

<27> De tenemento eiusdem Petri pro  
dicta Isabella <28> in iii d. ob. qa.

<29> De tenemento eiusdem Petri pro  
dicta Isabella <30> in iii d. ob. qa.

<31> De tenemento eiusdem Petri pro  
dicta Isabella <32> in iii d. ob. qa.

<33> De tenemento Iohannis de  
Romeneye pro Iohanna <34> Lydeard

xv d.

<35> De Iohanne le Tournour pro  
Rogerio Cantok <36> pro tenemento

suo iii d. ob. qa.



[*Introductory folio 7b.*]

<1> LANGABULUM EXTRA MUROS VILLE BRISTOLLIE ANNUATIM.

- <2> De tenemento Abbatis sancti Augustini quon- <3> -dam Iohannis le Prest <4> quod xv d.  
 <5> De Willelmo Outlagh' pro tenemento quondam <6> Ricardi de la Corderie in <7> quod x d.  
 <8> De tenemento Michaeli le Whitawer pro Henrico Oky <9> in xx d.  
 <10> De tenemento Hugonis Langbrug' et Petri <11> Muntephen [*sic*] pro Thoma Munsorel <12> in x d.  
 <13> De Michaeli le Wtawer [*sic*] pro Waltero Hoker <14> pro tenemento suo in <15> quod x d.  
 <16> De tenemento Iohannis le Warre Tannator pro <17> Waltero le Rede in <18> quod x d.  
 <19> De tenemento eiusdem Iohannis pro dicto Waltero <20> in vii d. ob.  
 <21> De tenemento eiusdem Iohannis pro Galfrido Stoke <22> in vii d. ob.  
 <23> De tenemento Henrici le Schipman pro Nicholao de Kyng- <24> -Eston' xv d.  
 <25> De tenemento Iohanne Orcok' pro Roberto Bydeford <26> in x d.  
 <27> De tenemento eiusdem' Iohanne pro Adam' de <28> Circestre v d.  
 <29> De tenemento Abbatis sancti Augustini <30> in xv d.  
 <31> De tenemento Stephani le Veye pro priore sancti <32> Iacobi xv d.  
 <33> De tenemento eiusdem Stephani pro Waltero le Veye <34> in vii d. ob.  
 <35> De tenemento Iacobi le Tanner pro dicto Waltero <36> in iii d. ob. qa.
- <2> De tenemento Walteri Pelleuyll' pro Iohanne <3> filio Nicholai vii d. ob.  
 <4> De tenemento Abbatis sancti Augustini <5> in vii d. ob.  
 <6> De tenemento eiusdem Abbatis pro Waltero <7> Burel iii d. ob. qa.  
 <8> De tenemento Iohannis Boyfeld pro Willelmo <9> Coco et quondam Rogeri Coffyn <10> in iii d. ob. qa.  
 <11> De tenemento eiusdem Iohannis pro dicto Willelmo <12> pro Ricardo Bonerston' in <13> quod iii d. ob. qa.  
 <14> De tenemento eiusdem Iohannis pro dicto Willelmo <15> et Henrico le Carpenter in <16> quod vii d. ob.  
 <17> De tenemento Willelmi le White de Balde- <18> -wynestrete pro Nicholai [*sic*] Reper <19> in xviii d.  
 <20> De tenemento Stephani de Predie pro <21> Willelmo Daxe et Galfrido Russell' <22> in vii d. ob.  
 <23> De tenemento Thome le Roper et Cecilie <24> Pollard xv d.  
 <25> De tenemento Edithe Swetyng et <26> Mariot' Swetyng in <27> quod xvd.  
 <28> De tenemento Ricardi Tilly et Roberti Kilman <29> in xv d.  
 <30> De tenemento eiusdem Ricardi pro dicto Roberto <31> in vii d. ob.  
 <32> De tenemento eiusdem Ricardi pro dicto Roberto <33> in iii d. ob. qa.  
 <34> De tenemento eiusdem Ricardi pro dicto Roberto <35> in xi d. qa.



⟨I⟩ AD FESTUM SANCTI PETRI ADUINCULA LEUANDUM

- <2> De tenemento eiusdem Ricardi pro dicto <3> Roberto vii d. ob.  
 <4> De tenemento Willelmi atte Hay j.  
 <5> par Calcarum deauratorum preter  
 <6> quod tenementum situatum est  
 <7> quod vi d.  
 <8> De tenemento sancti Iohannis vii d. ob.  
 <9> De tenemento Willelmi Gylemyn Clerici <10> pro Iohanne Billok et Roberto le <11> Whitawer in  
 <12> quod xv d.  
 <13> de tenemento Roberti Beauflour  
 <14> pro Waltero le White <15> quod vii d. ob.  
 <16> De tenemento eiusdem Roberti pro Waltero <17> atte Pipe vii d. ob.  
 <18> De tenemento Ricardi Peyt pro Iohanne <19> iour et Thomas Aillard  
 <20> in vii d. ob.  
 <21> De tenemento Iohannis le Neyare pro <22> Willelmo Daxe in  
 <23> quod vii d. ob.  
 <24> De tenemento Willelmi le Hunte pro Marga-<25>-reta Golsmyth' et Iohanne Billok <26> in vii d. ob.  
 <27> De tenemento Thome le Hoper pro <28> Maricita [sic] de Dene vii d. ob.  
 <29> quod vii d. ob.  
 <30> De tenemento Thome le Muleward  
 <31> Pro Priore sancti Iacobi et Thoma  
 <32> Pistor vii d. ob.  
 <33> De tenemento Rogeri Dapperley pro Ricardo <34> de Calne vii d. ob.  
 <2> De tenemento Willelmi de Stapelton pro Iohanne <3> de Dene xv d.  
 <4> De tenemento Willelmi Hail et Iohannis Neyere <5> pro Henrico Langlord in <6> quod xv d.  
 <7> De tenemento Walteri Mildecorn et Iohannis <8> Monemuth' vii d. ob.  
 <9> De tenemento Willelmi Langters pro dicto Iohanne <10> in vii d. ob.  
 <11> De tenemento Rogeri Cantok pro Thoma <12> Munstrell' vii d. ob.  
 <13> De tenemento eiusdem Rogeri pro dicto Thoma <14> in xv d.  
 <15> De tenemento Daudid de Whizt pro Iohanne <16> Billok' vii d. ob.  
 <17> De tenemento eiusdem Daudid pro dicto Iohanne <18> in vii d. ob.  
 <19> De tenemento eiusdem Daudid pro dicto Iohanne <20> in vii d. ob.  
 <21> De tenemento eiusdem Daudid pro dicto Iohanne <22> in vii d. ob.  
 <23> De tenemento eiusdem Daudid pro Waltero Golde <24> in iii d. ob. qa.  
 <25> De tenemento Prioris sancti Iacobi <26> quod iii d. ob. qa.  
 <27> De tenemento Daudid le Whizt pro Waltero <8> de Keynisham iii d. ob. qa.  
 <29> De tenemento eiusdem Daudid pro Rogero Aillard <30> in xv d.  
 <31> De tenemento Matilde Iordan pro Gilberto de <32> Marleburgh' x d. ob. qa.  
 <33> De tenemento Elie le Cu pro Rogero Coffyn <34> in vii d. ob.  
 <35> De Rogero le Wilde pro tenemento beate Marie <36> Magdelene xv d.



[*Introductory folio 8b.*]

- <1> De tenemento Rogeri de Apperleye  
 pro Ricardo le Calne <2> in iii d. ob. qa.  
 <3> De tenemento Elie le Cu pro  
 Dionisio la Tanner <4> in iii d. ob. qa.  
 <5> De tenemento Willelmi le Taillour  
 pro Ricardo Adrian <6> et Roberto  
 Cristin iii d. ob. qa.  
 <7> De tenemento eiusdem Willelmi pro  
 Hugone le Plomer' <8> in iii d. ob. qa.  
 <9> De tenemento Hugonis Holychurche  
 pro Iohanne <10> de Mulles vii d. ob.  
 <11> De tenemen to Walteri le Chaloner  
 pro Laurencio <12> le Tanner vii d. ob.  
 <13> De tenemento Iuliane le Baker pro  
 Roberto <14> Le Rop iii d. ob. qa.  
 <15> De tenemento Matilde Doultynge' pro  
 priore <16> sancti Iacobi iii d. ob. qa.  
 <17> De tenemento eiusdem Matilde pro  
 Waltero <18> Doultynge vii d. ob.  
 <19> De tenemento Willelmi Gylemyn  
 Clerici pro Rogero <20> de Bercham  
 xv d.  
 <21> De tenemento eiusdem Willelmi  
 pro Ricardo de Sarum <22> in  
 iii d. ob. qa.  
 <23> De tenemento eiusdem Willelmi  
 pro Ricardo le <24> Palmere vii d. ob.  
 <25> De tenemento Gilberti Fraunceys  
 pro Elia Sprin- <26> gaunt et Iohanne  
 filio Henrici Adrian <27> in xv d.  
 <28> De tenemento eiusdem Gilberti  
 pro Iohanne Albion' <29> et Willelmo  
 de Paris in <30> quod  
 vii d. ob. qa.  
 <31> De tenemento Nicholai de Roulgh'  
 pro Ioeta et <32> Willelmo Noris  
 xi d. qa.  
 <33> De tenemento Willelmi de Thorn-  
 bury pro Agneta <34> la Warde  
 iii d. ob. qa.
- <1> De tenemento Iohannis North' et  
 Mateld' <2> Waterleder et Willelmi  
 Colerne <3> in vii d. ob.  
 <4> De tenemento Nicholai de Roulgh'  
 pro Ioyeta <5> et Iohanne Harpere in  
 <6> quod xv d.  
 <7> De tenemento Daud de Whizt pro  
 Thoma <8> Munsorel et Hugone Michel  
 <9> quod vii d. ob.  
 <10> De tenemento eiusdem Daud pro  
 dicto <11> Thoma vii d. ob.  
 <12> De tenemento eiusdem Daud pro  
 dicto <13> Thoma vii d. ob.  
 <14> De tenemento eiusdem Daud pro  
 dicto <15> Thoma vii d. ob.  
 <16> De tenemento eiusdem Daud pro  
 Galfrido <17> Scot vii d.  
 <18> De tenemento eiusdem Daud pro  
 dicto Galfrido <19> in vii d. ob.  
 <20> De tenemento Thome Vppedich'  
 pro Willelmo <21> le Clerk  
 iii d. ob. qa.  
 <22> De tenemento eiusdem Thome pro  
 dicto Willelmo <23> in iii d. ob. qa.  
 <24> De tenemento eiusdem Thome pro  
 dicto <25> Willelmo vii d. ob.  
 <26> De tenemento eiusdem Thome pro  
 dicto Willelmo <27> in vii d. ob.  
 <28> De tenemento eiusdem Thome pro  
 dicto <29> Willelmo vii d. ob.  
 <30> De tenemento eiusdem Thome pro  
 dicto <31> Willelmo vii d. ob.  
 <32> De tenemento Thome Vppedich'  
 pro Willelmo <33> le Clerk vii d. ob.



[Introductory folio 9.]

<1> De tenemento eiusdem Thome pro  
 dicto <2> Willelmo                      vii d. ob.  
 <3> De tenemento Magistri hospitalis  
 sancti Laurencii <4> in            iii d. ob. qa.  
 <5> De tenemento Iohannis Tumbrel  
 pro Iohanne <6> Cote            iii d. ob. qa.  
 <7> De tenemento Ricardi de Calne pro  
 Ricardo <8> Seuare            vii d. ob.  
 <9> De tenemento Stepheni de Predie  
 pro Adam <10> Cosyn            vii d. ob.  
 <11> De tenemento eiusdem Stepheni pro  
 Willelmo <12> atte Vanne            vii d. ob.  
 <13> De tenemento Petri Munstephen  
 pro Cecilia <14> Pillard            vii d. ob.  
 <15> De tenemento eiusdem Petri pro  
 Priore <16> sancti Iacobi            xv d.  
 <17> De tenemento Thome le Meleward  
 pro <18> Waltero atte Pole in  
 <19> quod                              vii d. ob.  
 <20> De tenemento eiusdem Thome pro  
 Arnaldo <21> de Berkeleye        xvii d. ob.  
 <22> De tenemento Philippi de Kerwent  
 pro Roberto <23> de Ciston'        vii d. ob.  
 <24> De tenemento Thome Dygel pro  
 Adam <25> Norreis            vii d. ob.  
 <26> De tenemento eiusdem Thome pro  
 dicto <27> Adam                      v d.  
 <28> De tenemento eiusdem Thome pro  
 dicto <29> Adam                      ii d. ob.  
 <30> De tenemento Abbatis sancti  
 Augustini <31> in                      vii d. ob.  
 <32> De tenemento<sup>1</sup> Kalendarum pro  
 Willelmo le <33> Warre            vii d. ob.  
 <34> De tenemento Henrici Shipman  
 pro Nicholao <35> de Kyngeston'

<1> De tenemento Roberti Beauflour  
 pro Adam <2> Noreis            vii d. ob.  
 <3> De tenemento Henrici Snake pro  
 Roberto Snake <4> in            vii d. ob.  
 <5> De tenemento eiusdem Henrici pro  
 dicto Roberto <6> in            vii d. ob.  
 <7> De tenemento eiusdem Henrici pro  
 dicto Roberto <8> in            vii d. ob.  
 <9> De Ricardo de Calne pro tenemento  
 Iohannis Leygraue <10> in        vii d. ob.  
 <11> De tenemento Iohannis Daxebrug'  
 pro Iohanne Veis <12> et Stepheno  
 Pictore                              xv d.  
 <13> De tenemento Rogeri Turtle pro  
 Iohanne filio <14> Nicholai        vii d. ob.  
 <15> De tenemento eiusdem Rogeri pro  
 Waltero de <16> Bercham        vii d. ob.  
 <17> De tenemento eiusdem Rogeri pro  
 Iohanne <18> Ailward            xv d.  
 <19> De tenemento Prioris sancti Iacobi  
 in            <20> quod                      xv d.

<sup>1</sup> fratrum, *struck through*.

[Folios 9b—11b are blank.]







# VOLUME I

Folio 1.]

Conuencio  
facta inter  
Abbatem et  
Conuentum  
Sancti  
Augustini  
Bristollic  
; Maiorem et  
Communiam  
Bristollic  
de terra in  
Marisco  
Sancti  
Augustini  
versus aquam  
de Frome [sic]

¶ Hec<sup>1</sup> est conuencio facta inter dominum Willelmum de Bradeston' tunc Abbatem ¶ sancti Augustini Bristollic et eiusdem loci conuentum ex una parte et Ricardum ¶ Aillard' tunc Maiorem Bristollic et totam communiam Bristollic ex altera ¶ parte scilicet quod dictus Abbas et conuentus concesserunt pro se et successoribus ¶ suis imperpetuum Maiori et Comunie [sic] Bristollic et eorum heredibus totam terram ¶ illam in Marisco sancti Augustini Bristollic que iacet extra fossatum quod circuit ¶ terram arabilem dictorum Canonicorum directe versus orientem vsque ad marginem portus ¶ Frome quod quidem fossatum extenditur a grangia dictorum Canonicorum versus Abonam ¶ saluis Abbati et Conuentui predictis terra proxima predicto fossato versus grangiam predictam ¶ vbi dicta communia incipit fossare sepcies viginti et quatuor pedibus terre in latitu-¶dine et in medio dicti Marisci quaterviginti et duodecim pedibus terre in latitudine ¶ et in exteriori parte dicti Marisci versus Abonam sexaginta pedibus terre in latitudine super ¶ quam terram sic mensuratam communia Bristollic et eorum heredes habere debent liberum ¶ iter suum introitus et exitus et transitus ad Naues suas et ad spaciandum pro voluntate eorum ¶ de die et nocte longe et prope pacifice et sine contradictione imperpetuum sicut semper habere consu-¶ euerunt ; Debent autem predicta communia et eorum heredes saluare Abbati et Conuentui predictis ¶ et successoribus suis eandem terram mensuratam ; Ita scilicet quod si cursus aque ipsam ¶ terram deteriorauerit, dicta communia illam debet emendare Residuam vero terram dicti Ma-¶risci sancti Augustini Bristollic versus Fromam et versus mariscum ville Bristollic ex orien-¶tali et australi parte predicti fossati debent predicta communia et eorum heredes integre habere

<sup>1</sup> This deed is also to be found transcribed in *Bristol Past and Present*, Nichols and Taylor, pp. 122, 123, and in *Memoirs of Bristol*, Seyer, vol. ii, p. 19. A full account of the undertaking is given by Seyer, *ibid.*, vol. ii, pp. 14 sqq. See also *Bristol Charters*, ed. Harding, p. 19 ; *Ricart's Kalendar*, ed. Toulmin Smith, Camden Society, p. 28 ; and *Adams' Chronicle*, ed. Fox, p. 21.



⟨21⟩ et possidere ad faciendum inde trencheam portum et quicquid dicte communie melius sederit ⟨22⟩ absque omni impedimento et contradictione imperpetuum Pro hac siquidem concessione ⟨23⟩ et pro bono pacis dederunt predicti Maior et Communia Bristollie predicto Abbati et Conuentui ⟨24⟩ Nouem Marcas Argenti vnde vt hec concessio rata et stabilis permaneat tam ⟨25⟩ sigillum predicti conuentus quam sigillum commune Bristollie mutuo appensa sunt huic Cyro-⟨26⟩-grapho Hiis testibus dominis Iohanne filio Galfridi Thoma de Berkeley Roberto de Gornay ⟨27⟩ Willelmo de Pyccot Ignacio de Clyfton' Iordan' le Warre de Cnolle Iohanne la Warre ⟨28⟩ de Bristulton' Henrico de Whadenn' Henrico de Gaunt et aliis; Facta autem conuencio ⟨29⟩ Vigilia Anunciacionis beate Marie Anno regni domini Regis Henrici filii Regis Iohannis vicesimo quarto.

Concordia<sup>1</sup>  
facta inter  
Communiam  
Bristollie; et  
Communiam  
Suth-  
hampton' [sic]  
de Theolano et  
custuma apud  
Suthampton'  
persoluendis;

⟨30⟩ Nouerint vniuersi presens scriptum visuri vel audituri quod cum placitum ⟨31⟩ motum fuerat coram domino Rege inter Communiam Bristollie petentem ⟨32⟩ per breve domini Regis quietanciam prestacionis Theolani de omnibus ⟨33⟩ mercandizis suis in villa Suthamptonie et Communiam Suthamptonie dictam ⟨34⟩ quietanciam deforciantem pro bono pacis in hunc modum conqueuit; videlicet quod ⟨35⟩ Burgenses dicte Communie Suthamptonie concesserunt pro se et heredibus suis imperpetuum ⟨36⟩ quod Burgenses Bristollie et eorum heredes in eadem villa manentes veniant apud ⟨37⟩ Suthamptoniam cum mercandis suis dando Theolanium modo subscripto

[Folio 1 b.]

⟨1⟩ videlicet pro quolibet lasto coreorum Quadraginta denarios de exitu et nichil ⟨2⟩ de introitu pro sacco lane vnum denarium pro quolibet Centum cere si per Centum ⟨3⟩ custumetur duos denarios pro qualibet carecta cere octo denarios si per carectam ⟨4⟩ custumetur per [sic] quolibet Kanting' Mellis obolum pro quolibet olei duos denarios pro quo-⟨5⟩libet dolio sagiminis<sup>2</sup> allecie et aliorum piscium duos denarios pro quolibet Millenario ⟨6⟩ allecie sor obolum pro quolibet panno serico duos denarios pro quolibet panno sindonis ⟨7⟩ vnum denarium pro quolibet

<sup>1</sup> For a similar concord between Southampton and Salisbury see *The Oak Book of Southampton*, *op. cit.*, ii, pp. 18 *sqq.*, and for a list of Southampton tolls, *ibid.*, pp. 2 *sqq.*

<sup>2</sup> *i.e.* "grease" or "lard."



Timpre<sup>1</sup> grisi operis Wlpium [*sic*] et huiusmodi duos (8) denarios. Et de omnibus aliis mercandizis magnis et Minutis medietatem Thelonii (9) antiquitus debiti et consueti dabunt In huius rei testimonium presenti scripto bipartito (10) ad modum cyrographi confecto assensu et concensu dictarum Communitatum Bristollie (11) et Suthamptonie Sigilla sua communia alternatim sunt apposita ;

Mandatum<sup>2</sup>  
domini  
Archiepiscopi  
Cantuar'  
directum  
decano  
Bristollie de  
visitatione  
sua ibidem  
facta

(12) Robertus permissione diuina Cantuar' Archiepiscopus totius Anglie (13) primas ; decano Bristollie salutem<sup>3</sup> gratiam et benedictionem ; Quia visi-(14)-tacionis nostre officium in decanatu Bristollie excercentes inuenimus quod (15) pretextu cuiusdam consuetudinis que pocius corruptela est dicenda pro sacramento (16) baptismatis in Municipio Bristollie per Rectores vicarios et presbiteros parochiales (17) passim et indistincte pro singulis paruulis Baptizatis duo denarii exiguntur (18) pertinaciter ab inuitis ; et quod infra ecclesias fiebant violenter<sup>4</sup> inpeioraciones (19) in humaniter per eosdem Insuper et quod pro probacionibus testamentorum raciociniorum<sup>5</sup> et compoti (20) reddicionibus de bonis defunctorum et liberacione ab onere administrationis huiusmodi (21) bonorum et pro litteris acquietancie prout super hoc concessis solebat per ordinarios (22) locorum grauis peccunie summa hactenus extorqueri,<sup>6</sup> Ita quod in hiis ma-(23)-gis lucrum et comodum peccuniarum quam debita et salubris correccio quere-(24)-batur. Volentes sicut debemus huiusmodi vicia extirpare vt<sup>7</sup> sacramenta (25) <sup>s</sup>ecclesiastica decetero pure gratis ac deuote qualibet exclusa cupiditatis (26) labe iuxta sanctorum patrum et sacrorum canonum instituta exhibeantur ibidem (27) Inhibemus publice et districte ne pro sacramento baptismatis pretextu alicuius (28) consuetudinis vel pocius ab vsis prioris<sup>9</sup> [*sic*] aliquid ab inuitis per quoscumque imposter-(29)-um exigatur ; Set quod parentes vel alii huiusmodi

<sup>1</sup> Timpre, Tymbre= bundle of skins ; cf. *The Oak Book of Southampton*, *op. cit.*, ii, p. 6.

<sup>2</sup> For a reference to this document see *L.R.B.*, i, p. 93.

<sup>3</sup> Salutem, *interlined*.

<sup>4</sup> in, *interlined*.

<sup>5</sup> raciorum, *struck through* ; raciociniorum, *interlined*.

<sup>6</sup> extorquebatur, *struck through* ; extorqueri, *interlined*.

<sup>7</sup> ut, *interlined*.

<sup>8</sup> Exe, *struck through*.

<sup>9</sup> prioris, *interlined*.



paruulos deferentes <30> absque omni <sup>1</sup>exactione et [*sic*] vel coactione<sup>2</sup> sint liberi et quieti ; et siquid offerre voluerint <31> deuote recipiatur sub pena excommunicacionis Maioris per nos late ; quam contra-<32>-uenientes incurrere volumus [*sic*] ipso facto. Ordinarios eciam publice inhihemus ne <33> pro probacionibus testamentorum administracionibus commissionibus racionibus reddendis ; vel<sup>3</sup> <34> acquietancie litteris quicquam extorqueatur aliquid imposterum abiuitis [*sic*] <35> nec ea occasione Municeps<sup>4</sup> [*sic*] et habitatores eiusdem municipi [*sic*] extra ipsum

[*Folio II.*] <1> municipium ad loca remota sicut maliciose per aliquorum vexaciones minus volun- <2> tarie et iniuste hactenus factum fuisse comperimis <sup>5</sup>trahantur inviti et sub eadem <3> pena ; quam contrauenientes poterunt non in merito formidare Quo circa <4> tibi committimus et mandamus quatinus huiusmodi inhihiciones<sup>6</sup> etc. : <5> et sentencias ac ordinaciones nostros [*sic*] in singulis ecclesiis tui decantus facias <6> temporibus oportunis solempniter puplicari ne per ipsarum ignoranciam inposterum <7> maliuoli aliqui se valeant excusare Denunciari insuper facias puplice <8> infra Municipium predictum quod Mercatores in vna parochia commorantes, et <9> in alia seldas vbi sua de die exercent Mercimonia optinentes, quo <10> ad decimas et oblaciones eo pretexto faciendas et soluendas id communiter <11> obseruent, quod per loci diocesanum super hoc dudum fuerat ordinatum donec <12> cum maiori deliberacione super hoc equitatis tramite pro conseruacione iuris <13> cuiusque loci aliter duxerimus ordinandum, Maiori vero et Comunitati [*sic*] eiusdem <14> Municipii quorum principaliter interest in hac parte huius mandati copiam <15> sub sigillo tuo facere non differas requisitus Et quid feceris in premissis <16> cum ex parte eorundem congrue requisitus exteritis<sup>7</sup> [*sic*] distincte et aperte <17> nos certifies per tuas patentes litteras harum seriem continentes Dat' <18> apud Cyrencestre XV kalend' Iunii Anno domini M<sup>o</sup>CCC<sup>o</sup> primo ; <19> Consecracionis nostre septimo.

<sup>1</sup> ex, *interlined*.

<sup>2</sup> cohercione, *struck through* ; vel coactione, *interlined*.

<sup>3</sup> ea occasione, *struck through*.

<sup>4</sup> maniceps, *struck through* ; municeps, *interlined*.

<sup>5</sup> trahantur invite, *struck through* ; trahantur inviti, *interlined*.

<sup>6</sup> publice, *struck through*.

<sup>7</sup> Presumably extiteris.



Breue de non  
molestando  
mercatores  
ville de  
Conuentria  
pro thelonio  
etc.<sup>1</sup>

⟨20⟩ Edwardus dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus  
Hibernie: Maiori et Vicecomiti Bristollie ⟨21⟩ ac collectoribus  
customarum nostrarum ibidem: salutem: Cum nuper volentes  
quieti et tran-⟨22⟩-quillati mercatorum ville de Conuentr'  
vt ipsi negocionibus suis secure intendere vale-⟨23⟩-rent  
prouidere de gracia nostra speciali et per finem quem prefati  
mercatores fecerunt nobi-⟨24⟩-scum concesserimus et carta  
nostra confirmauimus prefatis mercatoribus quod ipsi et eorum  
⟨25⟩ heredes et successores mercatores ville predictae imperpetuum  
sint quieti de thelonio ⟨26⟩ pauagio pontagio et Muragio de rebus  
et mercimoniis suis quibuscumque per ⟨27⟩ totum regnum et  
potestatem nostram prout in carta nostra predicta plenius  
continetur ⟨28⟩ Vobis precipimus quod dictos mercatores nostros  
ville predictae de Thelonio paua-⟨29⟩-gio pontagio et Muragio  
de rebus et mercimoniis suis quibuscumque in dicta ⟨30⟩ villa  
Bristollie quietos esse permittatis iuxta for[m]am carte nostre  
predictae ⟨31⟩ ipsos contra tenorem eiusdem non molestantes in  
aliquo seu grauantes Et districtionem si ⟨32⟩ quam ei vel alicui  
eorum ea occasione feceritis sine dilacione relaxetis eisdem Teste  
⟨33⟩ me ipso apud Westmonasterium XXVIII die Ianuarii anno  
regni nostri Anglie quadragesimo ⟨34⟩ Octavo regni vero nostri  
Francie tricesimo quinto.

[Folio II b.]

Annualis  
redditus ij s.  
concessus  
Ecclesie  
Sancti  
Laurentii.<sup>2</sup>

⟨2⟩ [O]mnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit  
Magister Iohannes Aillard' ⟨2⟩ de Bristollia salutem in domino  
Nouerit vniuersitas vestra me pro salute ⟨3⟩ anime mee patris  
mei et matris mee et antecessorum et successorum meorum  
⟨4⟩ dedisse et concessisse et quietos clamasse et hac presenti  
carta con-⟨5⟩-firmasse in liberam puram et perpetuam  
elemosinam ecclesie sancti Laurentii de ⟨6⟩ Bristollia iuxta  
portam Frome duos solidatos annui redditus ad sustentacionem  
⟨7⟩ luminarii die dedicacionis eiusdem ecclesie quem quidem  
redditu[m] percipere consueui de ⟨8⟩ terra Walteri de monemue in  
suburbio Bristollie, que quidem terra iacet in Marisco ⟨9⟩ sancti  
Stephani inter terram que fuit Dauid Crochond' et venellam  
proximam terre que ⟨10⟩ fuit Willelmi Coc fabri percipiendos  
singulis annis ad duos anni terminos videlicet ad ⟨11⟩ Pascha  
domini duodecim denarios et ad festum sancti Michaelis duodecim

<sup>1</sup> Marginal note in a different hand.

<sup>2</sup> Marginal note in a later hand.



denarios Ego vero Magister <12> Iohannes Aillard et heredes mei vel assignati mei predictae ecclesie predictum redditum annum contra <13> omnes mortales Warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus imperpetuum vt autem <14> hec mea donacio et concessio et queta clamacio et carte mee confirmacio Rata et sta-<15>-bilis permaneant huic scripto sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus Willelmo filio Nicholai <16> tunc Maiore Bristollie Iohanne de Berewik' Roberto de Kilmaynam tunc prepositis Bristollie <17> Iacobo la Warre Willelmo Clerico Galfrido Magistro Hospitalis sancti Bartholomei Michaelae <18> tunc parsona sancti Laurencii Nicholao de Axxebrug' Iohanne Morin Waltero de Wintonia et <19> multis aliis.

<20> Primo die Aprilis Anno regni Regis Edwardi tercii post Conquestum quinquagesimo ; <21> Ista Carta supradicta mercatur coram Willelmo Canyngus [*sic*] tunc Maiore ville Bristollie et Henrico <22> Viel vicecomite eiusdem ad specialem et personalem rogatum tam Willelmi Hulle tunc Prioris et confratrum <23> Fratrnitatis Kalendarum Bristollie Wygorniensis diocesis quam Thome Quenyngton' parsona ecclesie sancti Laurencii <24> Bristollie dicte diocesis Andree Diar' et Ricardi Hoper tunc procuratorum dicte ecclesie in isto paupiro [*sic*] imper-<25>-petuum permansura,<sup>1</sup> Qui quidem Prior et Fratres recognouerunt coram predictis Maiore et vicecomite quod dicti <26> duo solidi anni [*sic*] redditus annuatim sint leuati de eorum tenementis cum pertinenciis situatis super Kaiam in suburbio <27> Bristollie in sinistra parte introitus venelle vocate Louelan' de Kaia supradicta versus vicum vocatum <28> Merschstret de antiquo dictum Skatepulstret, Et vlterius predicti Prior et Fratres concesserunt pro se et <29> eorum successoribus quod, bene liceat predictis Procuratoribus ecclesie sancti Laurencii supradicte et eorum successoribus procuratoribus qui pro <30> tempore fuerint pro predicto annuo reddito ij.s. aretro imposterum existente in eorum<sup>2</sup> tenementis supradictis <31> cum suis pertinenciis ingredi distringere et districciones retinere quousque de dicto reddito cum suis pertinenciis arreragia eis <32> plenarie fuerit satisfactum [*sic*].

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, *supra*, p. 2.

<sup>2</sup> pertinenciis, *struck through*.



[Folio III.] <1> [R]ESPONCIONES DUO[DE]CIM IURATORUM SUBSCRIP-  
TORUM DE BRISTOLLIA VIDELICET THOME DE WESTON'  
<2> IOHANNIS LE CU, IOHANNIS DE PORTESHEUED,  
IOHANNIS DE BRUGES, WALTERI DE LA PIPE, <3>  
IOHANNIS SEINDE, IOHANNIS BRUSELAUNCE, ROBERTI  
DE MONEMUE, ADE DE SISTON' <4> IOHANNIS DE  
CRAUNDONE, GILBERTI LE TAILOUR ET RADULPHI  
DE MONTEOIE SUPER ARTICULIS <5> SUBSCRIPTIS  
SIBI LIBERATIS, DIE SALBOTI [sic] PROXIMO POST  
FESTUM SANCTI BARTHOLOMEI ANNO <6> REGNI REGIS  
EDWARDI TERCIODECIMO PER MANUS DOMINORUM  
RICARDI DE ROCHEWELL' ET <7> ROGERI LE ROUS  
INQUISITORUM IBIDEM MISSORUM PER PREDICTUM  
DOMINUM EDWARDUM REGEM ANGLIE.

Estretes et  
summ'  
del  
eschecker<sup>1</sup>

<8> Ad primum articulum qui talis est—De extractis et summoni-  
cionibus scaccarii per quas debita Regis <9> in Comitatibus tam  
infra libertates quam extra exiguntur qui eas receperunt a  
vicecomite et <10> Balliuis et a quo tempore et quando inde  
primo seisinam habuerunt, Dicunt predicti Iuratores quod  
<11> balliui Bristollie consuerunt recipere predictas extractas  
et summoniciones vicecomite Glouc' et eas exequi iuxta sui  
[sic] <12> tenorem infra libertatem Bristollie, Contingit tamen  
tempore Iohannis Wissi<sup>2</sup> Maioris Bristollie quod <13> quedam  
litera de huiusmodi extracta et summonicione venit ex parte  
vicecomitis Glouc' predicto Maiori et balliuis per <14> decimum  
et amplius ad exegendum et leuandum Debita domini Regis Et  
quia Maior predictus in dicta <15> litera nominatus fuerat cum  
balliuis Willelmus de Sandhurste tunc subconstabularius Castri  
Bristollie <16> sub domino Iohanne de Musegres Iniunctit [sic]  
balliuos ville Bristollie quod permetterent predictum Maiorem  
exequi <17> predictum mandatum sibi principaliter directum et  
quod se inde non intromitterent et ita ab eo tempore <18> Balliui  
ville cum huiusmodi extracti [sic] et summoniciones ad ipsos  
peruenerint cessant eas exequi et onerant <19> Maiorem et Minus  
iuste ; Cum sint Balliui domini Regis et villa in manu eiusdem  
et dicta <20> debita ad opus suum sint leuanda, Et ad hoc quod  
queritur in eodem articulo et per quem, dicunt <21> predicti

<sup>1</sup> In later hand.

<sup>2</sup> According to *Ricart's Kalendar*, *op. cit.*, p. 31, John Wissy was mayor in 1272 ; *Adams' Chronicle*, *op. cit.*, does not mention him as mayor, but names him as one of the two seneschals for the year 1269 (see p. 26).



Iuratores quod predictum Mandatum venit Maiori et Balliuis per Adam le Botuler tunc viceco-⟨22⟩-mitem Glouc', Et ad hoc quod vltorius queritur si fideliter sit responsum domino Regi vel non dicunt ⟨23⟩ predicti Iuratores quod intelligunt quod fideliter et bene sit responsum domino Regi de predictis extractis et ⟨24⟩ Summonicionibus ut de debitis leuatis.

Quinque<sup>1</sup>  
warde sunt  
partes ville  
et hundredi

Villa Bri-  
stollie  
regalis et  
libera de se

Libertates  
ville Bristoll'

mora extranei  
mercatoris  
cum suis  
mercibus infra  
villam.

[Folio IIIb.]

Ne Extraneus<sup>4</sup>  
vendat ex-  
traneo.  
Ne extraneus  
tabernam  
teneat  
Ne extraneus  
vendat per  
particulas.

⟨25⟩ [A]d secundum articulum qui talis est—Quot ville in Hundredo et que sunt regales seu ⟨26⟩ Geldabiles et qui [sic] non; Dicunt Iuratores quod villa Bristollie et Hundredum eiusdem distinguntur ⟨27⟩ per quinque partes videlicet per quarterium sancte Trinitatis, Beate Marie in burgo, Omnium ⟨28⟩ Sanctorum sancti Andoeni et quarterium de la Redecliue Dicta villa est Regalis et libera<sup>2</sup> de se Et ad hoc ⟨29⟩ quod queritur in eodem Articulo vtrum status ville Mutetur et per quos, Dicunt Iuratores quod predicta ⟨30⟩ villa et probi homines eiusdem per Reges Anglie habere consueuerunt omni tempore libertates et liberas ⟨31⟩ consuetudines Ita quod inhibitum fuerat ex parte Regum predictorum ne quis contra eas venire presu-⟨32⟩meret sub pena viginti librarum, Et Nichilominus aliqui contra predictas Cartas Regum et inhi-⟨33⟩bicionem predictam veniunt et dictas libertates impediunt, In contemptu cartarum Regum predictorum ⟨34⟩ et dampnum ville predicte et Burgensium grauamen non modicum videlicet cum sit concessum et sta-⟨35⟩tutum in Cartis Regum memoratorum pro se et eorum heredibus, quod nullus mercator extraneus Moretur ⟨36⟩ in villa predicta cum suis mercibus vendendis vltra quadraginta dies<sup>3</sup>—Et quod nullus

⟨1⟩ extraneus vendat extraneo nec tabernam teneat nec per particulas Merces aliquas ven-⟨2⟩dat; mercatores de Wasconia et Waydarii contra dictas libertates veniunt et faciunt vltra dictum ⟨3⟩ terminum Morando et Merces suas vendendo et emendo, Aliter quam Antiquitus consueuerunt et sic ⟨4⟩ patet status ville Mutacio; Et Insuper multum deterioratur eo quod mercandice [sic] de lana Coreis ⟨5⟩ et aliis qui venire solebant

<sup>1</sup> Marginal notes in a later hand.

<sup>2</sup> litera, in the text.

<sup>3</sup> This liberty had been granted by John's Charter in 1188 and confirmed in Henry III's Charter of 1252; see *Bristol Charters*, *op. cit.*, pp. ii, 27.

<sup>4</sup> Marginal notes in a later hand.



transportatio  
anarum et  
riorum ad  
artes trans-  
narinas<sup>5</sup>

ina<sup>5</sup>

per quae  
ervicia  
enementa  
fra villam  
Bristol'  
enentur<sup>5</sup>

Baronia in  
Bristol'  
episcopus  
Vigorniensis<sup>5</sup>

ontra  
Abbatem  
sancti  
Augustini<sup>6</sup>

Abbas Sancti  
Augustini  
ebet facere  
ectam ad  
undredum  
e Bristol'ia<sup>5</sup>

apud Bristolliam de Wallia et Hibernia Iam circueunt terram  
<6> et transferuntur per mare ad partes extraneas nec ibi veniunt  
sicuti consueuerunt ad maximum <7> dampnum domini Regis  
et ville sue predictae eo quod dominus Rex nunc amittit Maximam  
partem <8> sui tolneti eccacasionē [sic] predicta, quod Idem Rex  
Antiquitus per deduccionem bonorum predictorum de partibus  
<9> predictis apud Bristolliam percipere consuevit, Ita Tina'  
que appellatur tina' castri<sup>1</sup> non consuevit Ca-<10>-pi in feodis  
baronum Antiquitus vbi eadem Tina' non solebat dari nisi de  
seruisia mediocri <11> modo per vim capta est de meliori et  
multum insuper deterioratur per libertates A domino Rege  
diuersis <12> villis et personis concessas.

<13> [A]d tercium Articulum<sup>2</sup> qui talis est—De feodis militum  
que tenentur in capite de domino <14> Rege<sup>3</sup> qui ea tenent et in  
quibus villis et qui sunt tenentes sui et vbi sunt ut stituatur  
<15> vbi distringendum sit pro seruicio Regis si aretro fuerit  
Dicunt Iuratores quod in villa Bristollie <16> sunt tenementa  
de Baroniis et tenentur in capite de domino Rege pro sectis<sup>4</sup>  
faciendis, Ad Hun-<17>-dredum domini Regis in eadem, videlicet,  
Episcopus Wygorn' antiquitus pro tenementis suis de Baronia  
<18> in Bristollia, videlicet pro tenemento in quo Thomas  
Stakepol quondam mansit in parochia sancti <19> Laurencii in  
quarterio sancti Andoeni Et pro tenementis in quibus Magister  
Thomas Mansorel et <20> Thomas Maylleden Manserunt in vico  
beate Marie in burgo et in eodem quarterio debet sectam Ad  
Hun-<21>-dredum predictum et subtracta est per iiij annos.

<22> Abbas sancti Augustini Bristollie antiquitus pro tenementis  
suis de Baronia in Bristollia videlicet <23> pro tenemento Rogeri  
de Kilmaynan. Pro tenemento Rogeri le Tauerner. pro quadam  
vacua placea <24> iuxta ecclesiam sancti Laurencii qua [sic]  
Iohannes de Leygraue tenet. Item pro tenemento quod relicta  
Saneken tenet <25> Item pro tenemento Penris apud pisam.  
Item pro tenemento Iohannis le Warr' iuxta ecclesiam sancti  
Egidii super <26> piscam. Item pro tenemento quod Galfridus

<sup>1</sup> For a description of this see *Burgage Tenure in Mediæval Bristol*,  
*op. cit.*, pp. 141 sqq.

<sup>2</sup> As to this article see *ibid.*, pp. 161 sqq.

<sup>3</sup> diue, struck through.

<sup>4</sup> See Introduction, *supra*, p. 4.

<sup>5</sup> In modern hand.

<sup>6</sup> In contemporary hand.



Coppe tenet in vico sancti Augustini. Item pro tenemento quod Stephenus <27> de la Sarteria tenuit. Item pro tenemento quod Hugo pictor tenuit in eodem vico In quarterio sancti An-<28>-doeni. Item pro tenemento quod Hanricus [*sic*] cocus tenet in cornerio vici beate Marie in burgo. Item pro tenemento <29> quod Ricardus Golde tenet in draperia. Item pro tenemento quod Eborardus le Fraunceys tenet in Wor-<30>-chshipestret. Item pro tenemento Langbord quod Symon Adrian tenet in eodem vico, Item pro tenemento <31> quod Iohannes Leygraue tenet. Item pro tenemento quod Laurencius Hurpetre tenet. Item pro tenemento quod Matheus le <32> Packar' tenet. Item pro tenemento quod Edwardus macecranus tenet pro nouo tenemento quod ex iuxta <33> in quarterio beate Marie in burgo, Item pro tenemento Selewy quod Iohannes Clericus tenet in parochia <34> sancti Nicholai, Item pro tenemento Halferling quod Ricardus le Ropere tenet. Item pro tenemento Petri Wy-<35>-gorn' in Angulo ecclesie Omnium Sanctorum. Item pro tenemento Egidii Clerici quod Henricus cotus [*sic*] tenet. Item <36> pro tenemento Ricardi de Kalna in regrateria. Item pro tenemento quod Willelmus Mombrai tenet super Abo-<37>-nam in quarterio Omnium Sanctorum. Item pro III tenementis in Iudaismo que Magister

[*Folio IIII.*] <1> Thomas Monsorel Robertus Stote et Magister Thomas de Gloucestria tenent. Item pro <2> tenemento Courtelone quod Willelmus de Waltis tenet in vico sancti Iacobi. Item pro medietate bo-<3>-riali tenementi quod fuit Rogeri Cantok' in quarterio sancte Trinitatis et pro quoddam tenemen-<4>-tum [*sic*] in Mercato facit sectam ad Hundredum predictum.

Abbas de  
Keinsam  
debet facere  
sectam ad  
hundredum  
Bristoll' <sup>1</sup>

<5> Abbas de Keynesham pro tenementis suis, De baronia in Bristollia que sunt in Cimiterio <6> Ecclesie sancti Petri in quarterio beate Marie in burgo. Item pro duobus tenementis in quibus Iohannes de Dene <7> et Nicholaus de la Heyhome Manserunt in Mercato. Item pro tenemento quod Elias de Pouclechurich' tenuit <8> super le Wer' facit sectam ad Hundredum predictum. Item dictus Abbas pro iiij tenementis suis in Mercato <9> facit sectam ad Curiam Mercati.

Secta ad  
curiam mercati <sup>1</sup>

Prior Sancti  
Jacobi debet  
facere sectam  
ad Hundredum <sup>1</sup>

<10> Prior sancti Iacobi pro tenementis suis in Braronia [*sic*] de quibus triginta et vnum in Mercato <11> Et duodecim iuxta

<sup>1</sup> In modern hand.



Cimiterium sui Prioratus Et viginti in parochia Ecclesie sancti Petri pro <12> ut patet per cartam domini Willelmi quondam Comitis Glouc' quam habet; facit sectam ut asserit ad <13> Hundredum predictum.

<14> Iohannes de Kerdif' Burgensis Bristollie pro tenementis Willelmi Comin Baronis videlicet pro tenemento quod Iohannes <15> de leygraue tenuit in vico qui dicitur Lowenesmede ex opposito ecclesie Fratrum Minorum. Item pro <16> tenemento quod Willelmus Turtele tenet in vico predicto. Item pro tenemento quod Nicholaus de Hasele tenuit in <17> dicto vico. Item pro tenemento quod Hugo de Melles tenuit ibidem. Item pro tenemento quod Thomas de button <18> tenuit ibidem. Item pro tenemento quod Rogerus Rocel'i tenuit ibidem. Item pro tenemento quod Matheus et <19> Sely de Melles tenuerunt ibidem. Item pro tenemento quod Stephenus de Melles tenuit. Item pro tenemento quod Iacobus <20> Tannator tenuit ibidem. Item pro tenemento quod Nicholaus Rocel'i tenuit ibidem. Item pro tenemento quod <21> Rogerus de Cheyn tenuit ibidem. Item pro tenemento quod Adam de Bury tenuit ibidem. Item pro <22> tenemento quod Iuliana Ayllard tenuit ibidem. Item pro tenemento quod milisaunt de Siston' tenuit <23> ibidem et in quarterio sancte Trinitatis facit sectam ad Hundredum predictum. <24> Iohannes Giffard pro tenementis suis in Baronia que Iacent in Wynchestret coniunctim in quarterio <25> Trinitatis inter terram quam Willelmus le Goldmangar' tenuit ex parte una; et terram quam <26> Petrus de Haukesbury tenuit ex altera facit sectam [ad] Hundredum predictum sed subtracta est per iiij annum [sic].

Magister  
Domus  
Sancti  
Marci de  
Billeswick  
[sic]<sup>1</sup>

<27> Magister domus sancti Marci de bikeswike pro tenemento suo in Baronia videlicet pro tenemento quod Gilbertus <28> Spisarius tenet in Bradestret, in quarterio sancti Andoeni facit sectam ad Hundredum predictum

<29> Thomas de Berkeleye pro tenementis suis in Baronia videlicet pro<sup>2</sup> quadam parte vici de rede-<30>-clyue pro quadam parte vici fullonum pro quadam parte vici de Templo et pro quadam parte vici beate <31> Thome debet sectam ad Hundredum predictum.

<sup>1</sup> In modern hand.

<sup>2</sup> Tenement' quod, *struck through*.



⟨32⟩ Ricardus Arthur pro tenementis suis in Baronia videlicet pro quadam parte vici de la Redeclyue que

[*Folio* IIII b.] ⟨1⟩ dicitur Acra Arthuri et extendit se a tenemento quod fuit Roysie Souwey vsque a la Lawdich' ⟨2⟩ in vico Fullonum facit sectam ad Hundredum predictum ;

⟨3⟩ Iohannes de sancto Laudo pro tenemento suo in Baronia videlicet pro tenemento quod fuit Petri le Marer' in ⟨4⟩ Cornstret facit sectam ad hundredum predictum.

⟨5⟩ Alexander de Alneto pro tenementis suis in Baronia que sunt super la Wer' et extendunt se a ⟨6⟩ Howenebrugg' vsque ad portam fratrum Predicatorum facit sectam ad hundredum predictum.

⟨7⟩ Iohannes le Sor pro tenemento suo in Baronia super le Blindezete quod Nicholaus cocus tenet ⟨8⟩ facit sectam ad hundredum predictum.

⟨9⟩ Iohannes de Acton' pro tenemento suo in Baronia videlicet pro quadam vacua placea que Iacet extra ⟨10⟩ le bleindezete in quarterio Trinitatis inter terram que fuit Ricardi de Brokeneberewe et terram quam ⟨11⟩ Nicholaus le Comar' tenuit debet sectam ad hundredum predictum sed subtrahitur per v. Annum [*sic*] ⟨12⟩ Galfridus Vassal pro tenemento suo in Baronia quod Magister Thomas le Mareschal tenet ⟨13⟩ in Mercato videlicet quoddam Curtilagium debet sectam ad hundredum predictum et similiter ad Curiam de ⟨14⟩ Mercato sed iam subtrahitur per Triginta annos

⟨15⟩ Adam de Bucton' pro tenementis suis in Baronia videlicet pro tenemento en le Putte apud pontem Aylward ⟨16⟩ quod Iohannes de Monemue tenet. Item pro tenemento quod fuit Walterus [*sic*] Horthard super Montem sancti Michaelis ⟨17⟩ Item pro tenemento quod fuit louyne de Bathon'. Item pro tenemento veterum scholarum ex opposito Ecclesie sancti Petri. Item ⟨18⟩ pro tenemento Hugonis de Melles et tenemento Barneleby ex opposito Iudaismi facit sectam ad hundredum predictum et ad ⟨19⟩ Curiam de Mercato

⟨20⟩ Ricardus de greuyle pro tenementis suis in Baronia in mercato que Ricardus le Forester et Ricardus de Mangodesfeld



⟨21⟩ tenent facit sectam ad hundredum predictum et ad Curiam de Mercato

⟨22⟩ Nicholaus Fromund pro tenementis suis in Baronia in vico sancte Marie que Rogerus Piscator et Walterus ⟨23⟩ Sturte tenent. Item pro quodam tenemento in Cimiterio Omnium Sanctorum quod ospitale [*sic*] Sancti Laurencii tenet facit ⟨24⟩ sectam ad Hundredum predictum.

⟨25⟩ Walterus de Hereham pro tenemento Henrici de Waddone baronis quod est in mercato in occidentali parte terre ⟨26⟩ Abbatis sancti Augustini facit sectam ad Hundredum predictum

⟨27⟩ Fulto [*sic*] filius Warini pro tenemento suo in Baronia in Mercato quod Iohannes de quacford tenuit videlicet

*Folio IIIII.]* ⟨1⟩ quoddam Curtilagium facit sectam ad Hundredum predictum et similiter ad Cuream [*sic*] ⟨2⟩ de Mercato sed subtrahitur per vnum [*sic*] annum.

⟨3⟩ Reginaldus Paueli pro tenemento suo in Baronia quod Iohannes de Dene tenet in Mercato vide-⟨4⟩-licet quamdam vacuum placeam facit sectam ad hundredum predictam [*sic*] et ad Curiam de Mercato

⟨5⟩ Abbas de bella loca pro tenementis suis in baronia in vico sancti [*sic*] Marie in burgo que Rogerus le Tauer-⟨6⟩-ner Willelmus de Occaneton' et Agnes Wyneman tenent. Item pro tenemento quod Willelmus vellard te-⟨7⟩-nuit ex opposito fratrum predicatorum. Item pro tenemento quod Willelmus turtle tenet in Bradestret facit ⟨8⟩ sectam ad Hundredum predictum.

⟨9⟩ Abbas de Kyngeswode pro tribus tenementis iuxta portam Laffardi que quondam fuerunt Radulphi ⟨10⟩ de Weliton' qui tempore fecit sectam [ad] Curiam in Mercato pro qua dicta tenementa fuerunt de tyna Castri nomine<sup>1</sup> ⟨11⟩ Baronie et ad huc quieta sunt sed iam subtrahitur dicta secta per XX annos.

⟨12⟩ Prior de Fairlegh pro tenemento quod Iohannes le Clerk' tenet in Mercato debet sectam ad Curiam predictam de Merca-⟨13⟩-to ut quidam credunt eo quod idem tenementum est quietum de tyna Castri nomine tenementi de Baronia per XII annos.

<sup>1</sup> nomine, *repeated*.



⟨14⟩ Nicholaus de Poyntz pro tenemento suo in Baronia videlicet pro uno Curtilagio in Mercato facit sectam ad ⟨15⟩ Curiam predictam in mercato per iiij annos

IV ⟨16⟩ [A]d quartum articulum qui talis est; cuiusmodi annuus redditus debetur de singulis villis vici ⟨17⟩ tam ad turnum vicecomitis quam ad visum fraunci plegii seu quocumque alio modo

V qui pertinere debet ad ⟨18⟩ firmam vicecomitis. Item ad quintum articulum qui talis est quantum quilibet Hundredarius ⟨19⟩ dat pro firma sui Hundredi nunc et quantum solebant Hundredarii dare. Item ad sextum ⟨20⟩ articulum qui talis est, In quibus rebus redditibus seu perquisitis firma Wapentagii consistit seu leuatur aut le-⟨21⟩uari solebat, Dicunt predicti Iuratores quod nichil ad ipsos quia non tangit eorum libertatem nec inde sciunt.

VII ⟨22⟩ Ad septimum articulum qui talis est, de religiosis et Aliis qui dicunt se habere libertates per cartas ⟨23⟩ Regum quibus vsi sunt Dicunt Iuratores de religiosis quod predictus Prior sancti Iacobi dicit se habere liber-⟨24⟩tates nomine Abbatis de Teukesbury et habet nundinas<sup>2</sup> suas in villa Bristollie singulis annis se-⟨25⟩mel per annum ut per totam septimanam, Pentecostes Et durantibus illis Nundinis idem Prior ⟨26⟩ percipit, Omnes exitus ville predictae et Interim habet omnia iura regalia Et praeter hec habet de qualibet bracina serui-⟨27⟩cie sex galonas ut de propriis suis tenentibus per totum Annum et tenet Curiam suam de eisdem.

Libertas  
Prioris  
Sancti  
Iacobi  
in septimana  
Pentecostes<sup>1</sup>

Curia prioris<sup>3</sup>

Libertas  
Magistri  
hospitalis  
Marie  
Magdalene<sup>3</sup>

⟨28⟩ Similiter Magister Hospitalis sancte Marie Magdalene tenet suam Curiam de propriis suis tenentibus et de qualibet bracina serui-⟨29⟩cie eorum tenentium caput [*sic*] tres galones et vnam paruulam campanam plenam badii [*sic*] de quolibet sacco bladi ducto ad forum.

[Folio 5 b.]

Libertas  
Fratrum<sup>3</sup>

⟨1⟩ Similiter fratres predicatorum et Minores habent prisam domini Regis de pissibus recentibus apud ⟨2⟩ Bristolliam per aquam ductis<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Marginal note in modern hand.

<sup>2</sup> As to this fair see also *L.R.B.*, i, p. 107, and pp. 236 *sqq.* The deed referred to, *ibid.*, p. 238, is now preserved in the Bristol Museum.

<sup>3</sup> In modern hand.

<sup>4</sup> dictis, *struck through*.



- Templariorum et hospitaliariorum<sup>1</sup> <3> Similiter templarii et Hospitalarii tenent plura tenementa in mercato In quibus clamant multas libertates
- Abbat' Glaston'<sup>1</sup> <4> Similiter Abbas Glastonye clamat habere libertatem in Bristollia ut omnes villanos suos esse quietos <5> de Tolneto
- Prioris Bathon'<sup>1</sup> <6> Similiter Prior Bathonie clamat habere consimilem libertatem de omnibus villanis suis. Et ad hoc <7> quod queritur in dicto Articulo a quo tempore ille libertates sibi concedebantur et a quibus Regibus et qualiter <8> Dicunt Iuratores quod ignorant. Et ad hoc quod queritur in predicto Articulo si idem religiosi vel alii post datam <9> Cartarum illarum sibi terras et tenementa siue de feodo Regis siue de feodo aliorum adquisierunt et <10> libertatibus hiis in illis terris ea occasione vbi fuerunt necne, Dicunt Iuratores quod Hospitalarii [*sic*] tenent quamdam <11> domum in mercato que dicitur fancost et apropiarunt illi domui quamdam aliam domum que de feodo Magdalene <12> sed nesciunt quo Warento [*sic*] et super eandem domum apposuerunt crucem De religiosis Dicunt Iuratores quod <13> plus nesciunt Et ad hoc quod queritur in predicto Articulo de aliis areligiosis Dicunt Iuratores quod Burgenses bristollie <14> dicunt se habere libertates per cartas Regum quibus vsi sunt, Et ad hoc quod queritur a quo tempore ille libertates sibi <15> concedebantur et a quibus regebus [*sic*] et qualiter et in quibus terris manifeste patet in eorum Cartis Regum. Et <16> ad hoc quod queritur qualiter vsi sunt, Dicunt Iuratores quod bene Excepto ipse Diminutio supradicto [*sic*] p[ro]ut patet <17> in secundo Articulo ut de Mercatoribus Wasconie et Waydariis. Item Dicunt Iuratores quod dominus Robertus Burnel <18> Bathon' et Wellens' Episcopus clamat habere libertatem in Bristollia et habet videlicet omnes villanos suos <19> quietos a tolneto. Item dominus Iohannes le Warr' clamat habere libertatem in Bristollia ut habere <20> To'na' et omnes tenentes suos liberos a Tina Castri. Item Iohannes Tike clamat duo Mesuagia <21> sua quorum vnum est in Cornerio iuxta ecclesiam Sancti Leonardi et aliud in Cimiterio Ecclesie Omnium sanctorum <22> per Iohannem humfreuile esse quieti de Tyna Castri. Similiter Iohannes de Corderia totam corderiam <23> Similiter Thomas Weliscote totum tenementum Inter molendinum Castri et nouam partem. Similiter Robertus <24> de Cliftone Willelmus dale Walterus de la pipe clamant tenementa sua esse quieti de Tyna Castri et

<sup>1</sup> In modern hand.



pro Thomas  
Berkeley.

Nota quod  
Abbas Sancti  
Augustini nil  
aliud clamat  
quam vt<sup>2</sup>  
dicti religiosi  
et barones  
clamant  
vt infra

de lan-⟨25⟩-gabulo per antiquam tenuram a tempore quo non extat memoria, Similiter dominus Thomas de ⟨26⟩ Berkeley clamat habere libertatem<sup>1</sup> inframetas [*sic*] Bristollie ac habet ut tenere Hundredum suum de septimana ⟨27⟩ in septimanam et Alia placita parua de die in diem et habere omnia Iura Regalia. Similiter dominus ⟨28⟩ Ricardus Arthur clamat habere omnia predicta in feodo suo in Bristollia. Similiter omnes Religiosi ⟨29⟩ et barones predicti qui nominantur sectatores Hundredi Bristollie et Curie de Mercato pro eorum seruiciis predictis cla-⟨30⟩-mant omnes eorum tenentes predictos esse quietos de Tyna Castri. Item Rogerus Hankyn clamat tenere de feodis ⟨31⟩ Hospitalis per quod non dat Tynam Castri. Item Thomas de Weston' tenet quoddam tenementum in Mercato ⟨32⟩ de quo clamat esse quietus de Tyna Castri per cartam domini Iohannis de Morteyn' pro quo quidem tenemento ⟨33⟩ et aliis dominus Rex in Mutacione heredum precipere debet Ostorium vel xx s.

- VIII ⟨34⟩ [A]d octauum Articulum qui talis est, de pecunia quam vicecomites receperunt de prisonibus contra statuta et de  
IX ⟨35⟩ quibus prisonibus et quantum et qua de causa. Item ad non[u]m Articulum qui talis est si balliui

- [Folio VI.] ⟨1⟩ infra libertates vel extra veteribus extractis vtantur per quas  
X pecunias malicione [*sic*]<sup>3</sup> adquisierunt ⟨2⟩ Item ad decimum articulum qui talis est qui clamat habere libertatem et Wapentagium a quo tempore ea ⟨3⟩ habuerunt et qualiter et si teneantur facere ad seruicium domino Regi ad annuum redditum et qualiter libertatibus ⟨4⟩ suis vsi sunt. Dicunt Iuratores quod nichil ad ipsos quia non tangit eorum libertatem nec aliquid inde  
XI ⟨5⟩ Ad undecimum Articulum qui talis est, Quod omnes qui talleas de Debito domini Regi [*sic*] soluto vicecomiti vel ⟨6⟩ Balliuis quod eas tunc deferat [*sic*] ibidem et eas habeant coram Thesaurario vel hiis quos ad hoc Rex ⟨7⟩ deputauerit prout  
XII vlterius missi ordinauerint liberande [*sic*]. Item ad duodecimum Articulum qui talis ⟨8⟩ est quod omnis qui querimoniam facere

<sup>1</sup> A reference to the liberty claimed by Maurice de Berkeley in Bristol is to be found in the *Hundred Rolls*, vol. i, p. 177. Shortly after the inquisition here transcribed there was a violent dispute between Thomas and Maurice de Berkeley, and the Mayor and Burgesses of Bristol, as to which see *Rot. Parl.*, vol. i, p. 168, and Seyer, *Memoirs of Bristol*, vol. ii, pp. 77 sqq., and 130 sqq. The matter was finally settled by a release copied into *G.R.B.*, as to which see p. III *infra*.

<sup>2</sup> ut, *interlined*.

<sup>3</sup> *Corr.* : maliciose ?



- velit de vicecomite vel Balliuis suis quod tunc sit ibidem et  
 XIII eam proponat <9> coram Thesaurario vel missis per Regem.  
 Item ad tertiodecimum Articulum qui talis est; Quod qui  
 XIV <10> talleas habent de scaccario quod eas liberant ibidem. Item  
 ad quartodecimum Articulum qui talis est <11> siquis bis  
 vel ter vel pluries soluerit debitum domini Regis quod querimoniam  
 inde proponat Dicunt <12> Iuratores quod hoc publice fecerunt  
 proclamari per villam.
- XV <13> [A]d quintodecimum Articulum qui talis est si aliquis  
 [sic] fuerit subtractus domino Regi de Iure suo per quos <14> et  
 a quo tempore et quid et quantum Iuratores distingunt quod hoc  
 potest esse dupliciter ut in libertate Bristollie <15> videlicet de  
 langabulo domini Regis vel de sectis faciendis ad Hundredum  
 suum in villa sua Bristollie vel <16> ad Curiam suam in mercato  
 unde dicunt Iuratores quod subtractum est domino Regi vt de  
 langabulo suo videlicet <17> de quadam vacua placea Ade de  
 Wynton' in vico sancti Nicholai iij d. ob' q' per decimum [sic].  
 Item de tenemento <18> Gilberti de Mallebeg' iuxta tenemento  
 Petri le martr' in Corenstret ex opposito Koyferye j.d. ob' per  
 octo-<19>-decim Annos. Item de tenemento Godefridi de Stoke  
 super veterem murum ville tres d. per septennium. Item <20> de  
 tenemento Geruasii palmeri ibidem ob' q' per octennium, Item  
 de tenemento Ricardi le Iouene ibidem xij d. ob' q' <21> per  
 decimum [sic]. Item de tenemento Willelmi Nest quod Adam  
 Clericus tenet in Bradestret iij.d. ob' q' per xiiij annos <22> Item  
 de tenemento Philippi longi super veterum Murum quod Iohannes  
 Adrian tenet iij d. ob' per decimum, Item de tenemento  
 <23> Roberti de Tyuertone, quod idem Iohannes tenet ibidem.  
 xiiij.d. q' per ix Annos. Item de tenemento Abbatis sancti  
 <24> Augustini quod Iohannes finicol tenet iij d. ob' q' per  
 octennium. Item de tenemento Petri Clerici in Wynchestret'  
 <25> quod Magister Thomas le Marischal tenet ij d. ob' per  
 viginti annos. Item de tenemento quondam Iacobi <26> Iudei  
 quod dominus Rex tenet iij d. ob' q' per octennium. Item de  
 tenemento Willelmi Pollard' in vico beate Marie <27> in Burgo  
 vij d. ob' per viginti annos. Item de tenemento<sup>1</sup> Willelmi de  
 ypr' quod Thomas de Hamedene <28> tenet x d. per xij. annos.  
 Item de tenemento Priorum de goldclive quod Walterus Albus  
 tenet. xv.d. per xij. annos <29> Item de tenemento Priorum

<sup>1</sup> de, *struck through*.



sancti Iacobi in la Brodemede per unum annum xv.d. Item de tenemento Walteri Veys <30> vij.d. ob' per biennium, Item de tenemento Iohannis finicol vij d. ob' per sexennium. Item de tenemento Matilde <31> la blunde xvij d. per triennium, Item de tenemento Galfridi Russel vij.d. ob' per xx annos. Item <32> de tenemento Cecillie pollard xv.d. ob' vnde medietas a retro per vnum annum. Item de tenemento Thome <33> Lyonus xv d. per quinque Annos. Item de tenemento Iohannis finicol xxij d. ob' per sexennium, Item de <34> tenemento Gilberti Malleberge x.d. ob' q' per biennium. Item de tenemento Rogeri de Bercham xv.d. per xx<sup>ti</sup> <35> annos. Item de tenemento Selewy le Mercer quod Ricardus de Salisbury tenet iij d. ob' q' per viginti <36> annos. Item de tenemento Iohannis Adrian xv.d. per quinque annos. Item de tenemento Willelmi de Pa-<37>-ris vij d. ob' per quinque Annos. Item de tenemento Solebrond xj.d. ob' per sexennium, Item <38> de tenemento Agnetis le Warr' iij d. ob' q' per biennium. Item de tenemento Hugonis Mychel quod Thomas de

[*Folio VI b.*] <1> Hamedene tenet ij s. vj.d. per iij annos. Item pro tenemento Cecilie Pollard vij d. ob' <2> per xx<sup>ti</sup> annos. Item de tenemento Isabelle Camel vij d. ob' per septennium. Item de tenemento Hugonis <3> de Maluerne vij d. ob' per v. annos quod Iohannes de Leygraue tenet, Item de tenemento Walteri Veis quod <4> fuit Willelmi Rocel'i xv.d. per biennium. Item de tenementis Willelmi de Brocham que fuerunt Iohannis fini-<5>-col, vij d. ob' Walteri de Bercham vij d. ob' et Iohannis Aylward xv.d. per septem annos. <6> Item de tenemento Priorum Sancti Iacobi. xv.d. per septennium

<7> Item Magister Thomas de Glouc' et Iohannes Aylward astrapiauerunt<sup>1</sup> quandam terram desuper edifica-<8>-tis inter terram Abbatis sancti Augustini et terram Magistri Thome le Mareschal de qua quidem terra dominus <9> Rex Annuatim in Nundinis sancti Michaelis percipere consuevit v.s. de Langabulo set iam per xxx. annos <10> nichil de dicto Redditu percipit.

<11> Item de quadam vacua placea in Mercato de tenemento Abbatis sancti Augustini iuxta tenementum Magistri Thome de

<sup>1</sup> Presumably this means "destroyed" or "wasted"; cf. "estrepamentum," *Du Cange*, iii, p. 324, and "Writ of Estreperment," which was an interlocutory writ granted in an action of Waste.



Glouc' <12> subtra[h]untur domino Regi duo solidi de redditu per xx<sup>ti</sup> annos.

XVI <13> [A]d sextodecimum articulum qui talis est si quid in Wapentagiis predictis ad regem pertinere debeat unde sexitus [*sic*] <14> non est, Dicunt Iuratores quod nichil ad ipsos quia non tangit libertatem eorum nec inde aliquid faciunt

prisonæ villæ  
Bristolliæ<sup>1</sup>

<15> Item ad septiodecimum articulum qui talis est de Inprisonamentis et prisonibus vbicumque captis qualiter et quibus <16> locis delibertatis, [*sic*] Dicunt Iuratores quod dominus XVII Rex in villa Bristolliæ duo habet inprisonamenta quorum vnum est apud <17> Monekbrug' infra muros ville et aliud extra muros ut in Mercato, Et dominus Thomas de Berckleye super feo-<18>-dum suum ut in vico de Redeclyue. Similiter dominus Ricardus Arthur suum inprisonamentum super feodum <19> suum, Et ad hoc quod queritur in eodem Articulo vbicumque captis, Dicunt Iuratores quod infra metas Bristolliæ <20> Et ad hoc quod queritur qualiter Dicunt Iuratores quod quandoque propter suspicionem quandoque propter indictionem quandoque propter <21> appellacionem, quandoque propter feloniam Manifestam et quandoque quia volunt stare Iuri [*a blank space left in the record*] <22> pleg' cum querimonia facta fuerit de ipsis, Et ad hoc quod queritur ulterius in quibus locis deliberatis, Dicunt Iuratores quod <23> prisiones infra muros in prisonati apud Moneckbrug' deliberantur in loco puplico vt in Gildhalda Et <24> inprisonati [*blank space in record*] in Curia mercati et in prisonati super feodum domini Thome de Berckleye in Curia <25> sua in vico de redecliue tenta Et in prisonati super feodum domini Ricardi Arthuri in Curia sua tenta in eodem <26> feodo et hoc secundum merita

XVIII <27> Item ad decimo octauum [*sic*] Articulum qui talis est de serianciis alienatis et non dum arentatis Dicunt <28> Iuratores quod eis non constat.

XIX <29> Item ad nono decimum Articulum qui talis est de Assartis, Dicunt Iuratores quod ad ipsos non pertinet nec ad <30> eorum libertatem et ideo inde nichil sciunt, Item ad hoc quod queritur in eodem articulo de [*blank space in record*] Dicunt Iuratores quod [*blank space in record*]

<sup>1</sup> In modern hand.



- XX <31> Item ad vicesimum Articulum qui talis est Si vicecomites uel eorum Balliui aut Balliui libbertatem [*sic*] aliquid receperunt  
 XXI pro debi-<32>-tis domini Regis respectuandis. Item ad vicesimum primum articulum qui talis est, Si vicecomites vel eorum Balliui <33> aliquid receperunt pro falsis responcionibus dandis seu  
 XXII faciendis Dicunt Iuratores quod eis non constat Item <34> ad vicesimum secundum Articulum qui talis est de Officio Coronatorum qualiter secuntur [*sic*] officia sua Dicunt Iuratores  
 nota de Coronatoribus<sup>1</sup> <35> quod Coronatores Bristollie secuntur officia sua bene et dilligenter infra libertatem prout eis pertinet.

[*Folio VII.*] <1> Edwardus dei gracia Rex Anglie<sup>2</sup> et dominus Hibernie et dux Aquitanie Thesaurario <2> et Camerariis suis; salutem volentes certiorari an Iusticiarii aliquorum progenitorum nostrorum <3> quondam Regum Anglie seu nostri itinerantes fuerint in Comitatu Glouc' post quam statutum <4> de quo Waranto editum fuit nec ne, vobis mandamus quod habito respectu ad tempus confec-<5>-tionis statuti predicti, Scrutatis que rotulis itinerum in Comitatu predicto temporibus dictorum progeni-<6>-torum nostrorum habitorum de eo quod inde inueneritis nos sub sigillo scaccarii predicti distincte et <7> aperte sine dilacione reddatis certiores hoc breue nobis remittentes Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium <8> XII die Octobris anno regni nostri, quinto.

<9> Willelmus de saliam et socii sui Iusticiarii domini Edwardi Regis aui Regis nunc Itinerauerunt <10> in Comitatu Glouc' anno predicti Regis Edwardi aui Regis nunc xv<sup>o</sup> Et post illud <11> Iter nulli Iusticiarii ibidem itinerauerunt Et quo ad datam statuti de quo <12> Waranto ignoramus sed dicitur quod statutum illud editum fuit anno regni Regis Edwardi <13> aui Regis nunc xvij<sup>o</sup> ;

De visu  
 Franciplegii

<14> Edwardus dei gracia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitanie; dilectis et fidelibus suis <15> Iohanni de Trillowe Willelmo de Sharesull et Roberto de aston' salutem supplicarunt nobis <16> Burgenses nostri ville Bristollie per petitionem suam coram nobis et consilio nostro in presenti Par-<17>-liamento nostro exhibitam vt cum ipsi et antecessores sui Burgenses eiusdem ville a <18> tempore quo non extat memoria semper hactenus habere consueuerunt visum franci plegii in <19> villa predicta cum omnibus ad huiusmodi visum pertinentibus, velimus

<sup>1</sup> In contemporary hand.

<sup>2</sup> Franc', *struck through*.



eis huiusmodi visum cum <20> omnibus ad eum pertinentibus per cartam nostram<sup>1</sup> expressis verbis concedere Habendum sibi et heredibus <21> suis imperpetuum Nos volentes certiorari si supplicacioni predicte sine dampno et preiudicio nostro et <22> aliorum seu diminicionem [*sic*] firme nostre Comitatus Glouc' annuere valeamus, necne, assingnaimus [*sic*] <23> vos et duos vestrum ad inquirendum in presencia vicecomitis nostri Comitatus predicti per sacramentum proborum et legalium <24> hominum eiusdem Comitatus per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit, si sit ad dampnum vel preiu-<25>-dicium nostrum aut aliorum seu diminucionem firme nostre predicte si prefatis Burgensibus premissa <26> vt premittitur concedamus, Et si iidem Burgenses visum illum a dicto tempore habuerunt <27> vt est dictum, necne et qualiter et quo modo, et quantum huius modi visus valere poterit per annum <28> in omnibus exitibus Et edeo [*sic*] vobis mandamus quod ad certos diem et locum quos vos vel duo <29> vestrum ad hoc prouideritis in presencia vicecomitis predicti diligenter sub premissis inquisitionem facere, et eam <30> distincte et apperte [*sic*] factam nobis sub sigellis [*sic*] vestris vel duorum vestrum et sigillis eorum per quos facta <31> fuerit sine dilacione mittatis et hoc breue Mandamus eum [*sic*] eidem vicecomiti nostro quod ad certos diem et <32> locum quos vos vel duo vestrum ei sciri faciatis venire faciat coram uobis vel duobus vestrum tot et tales

*Folio VII b.]* <1> probos et legales homines de balliua sua per quos rei veritas in premissis melius sciri poterit <2> et inquire In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes Teste me ipso apud <3> Guldeford' XXVI. die Decembris, Anno regni nostri quinto.

De visu  
Franciplegii <4> Inquisicio capta apud Bristolliam coram Willelmo de Sharesull' et Roberto de Aston' in presen-<5>-cia Thome de Berkeleye de Cubberleye vicecomitis Glouc' die Mercurii proxima ante festum Annunciacionis <6> beate Marie anno regni Regis Edwardi tercii post Conquestum quinto iuxta tenorem brevis domini <7> Regis huic inquisitioni attachiati per sacramentum Willelmi Tracy Henrici de Brokworth' Henrici de Clyf<8>ford,' Iohannis de Weston' Willelmi de Puryton' Willelmi de Tyderynton' Iohannis de Alkele <9> Thome de Gudeford' Willelmi de Ouere Philippi le Lange Ade Neel et Walteri de <10> Eyton', qui dicunt per sacramentum suum quod non est dampnum nec preiudicium

<sup>1</sup> For this charter see *Bristol Charters, op. cit.*, pp. 79 sqq.



domini Regis et <11> aliorum nec ad diminucionem firme Comitatus Gloucestrie si dominus Rex per cartam suam expressis verbis <12> concedat Burgensibus ville sue Bristollie quod ipsi et heredes et successores sui habeant visum franci-<13>-plegii in villa et suburbio Bristollie cum omnibus ad huiusmodi visum pertinentibus imperpetuum de omnibus <14> hominibus in villa Bristollie in suburbio eiusdem ville commorantibus et residentibus et de omnibus <15> aliis ibidem venientibus et contra aliquem articulum quod ad visum illum pertinet delin-<16>-quentibus pro eo videlicet quod dicti Burgenses et eorum antecessores et predecessores Burgenses <17> dicte ville Bristollie huiusmodi visum cum omnibus ad visum<sup>1</sup> pertinentibus a tempore quo non extat memoria semper <18> hactenus habuerunt et habere consueuerunt in villa Bristollie et suburbio eiusdem ville vt supra <19> dictum est Et dicunt quod dictus visus valet per annum in omnibus exitibus per estimacionem C.s. <20> In cuius rei testimonium predicti Iuratores huic inquisitioni sigilla sua apposuerunt Datus die anno et loco supradictis

<21> A notre seigneur le Roi et a son conseil monstrent ses liges gentz Maire et Comunalte de <22> la ville de Brystuyt que come ils ount eu et vse du temps dount ynyad memorie veue <23> de frank' plegg' en la dite ville et le suburbe sur ce prierent nadgeres au dit notre <24> seigneur le Roi dauer ceste fraunchise par expresses paroles motes en lour chartre par qui commande <25> fust par brief de la Chauncellerie a William de Sharesull' et Robert Daston Iusticiers <26> notre dit seigneur le Roi denquere de ceste chose la verite et de certefier la Court, la quele <27> enqueste est retourne en Chaunceller[ie] et troue est qils ount eu et vsee come de sus est dit, <28> Pleise a notre dit seigneur le Roi de sa grace graunter que la dite fraunchise soit par expresses <29> paroles motes en lour chartre come de sus est dit ;

Folio VIII.

<1> Soient serchez les roules de drein eire de Glouc' sil fust pour lestatut de quo Waranto <2> et sil soit troue que veue de frank pleg' lour fust a donques<sup>2</sup> <3> clame et alowe, a donques vuiet en Chauncellerie et eient ent chartere par renable fim, <4> Et si nulle eire y fust pour le dit estatut uncore eient chartre com de sus est dit.

<sup>1</sup> cum omnibus ad visum, *interlined*.

<sup>2</sup> vuiet en, *struck through*.



Carta Mauricii  
domini de  
Berkeley  
facta Iohanni  
Wyssy de  
quadam  
placia [*sic*]  
terre ad  
finem Pontis  
Abone

⟨5⟩ Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Mauricius dominus<sup>1</sup> de Berkeley dedi concessi et ⟨6⟩ hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Iohanni Wyssy pro homagio et seruicio ⟨7⟩ suo quamdam Placeam terre de feodo meo iuxta Pontem Abone in suburbio ⟨8⟩ Bristollie que quidem Iacet inter ipsum pontem et Cameram priuatam que continet ⟨9⟩ in se Longitudinem viginti duorum pedum et latitudinem decem pedum Habendam ⟨10⟩ et tenendam de me et heredibus meis sibi et heredibus suis vel assignatis suis libere ⟨11⟩ quiete pacifice et Integre Iure hereditario imperpetuum Reddendo inde annuatim ⟨12⟩ michi et heredibus meis ipse et heredes sui siue sui assignati duodecim denarios ⟨13⟩ argenti ad duos anni terminos videlicet ad festum sancti Michaelis sex denarios et ad hocday ⟨14⟩ sex denarios pro omnibus seruiciis et demandis Ego vero Mauricius dominus de Berkeley et ⟨15⟩ heredes mei tenemur Warantizare predictam placeam terre cum suis pertinenciis ⟨16⟩ dicto Iohanni et heredibus suis siue suis assignatis contra omnes homines et Feminas per ⟨17⟩ predictum Reditum imperpetuum Quod ut Ratum et stabile inposterum permaneat presenti ⟨18⟩ Carte sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus Willelmo filio Nicholai tunc Maiore Bristollie ⟨19⟩ Thoma Longo Elia Longo, Elia Aky Ricardo Bernard, Magistro Willelmo Taney tunc ⟨20⟩ Senescallo meo Iohanne filio Gilberti Thoma Iuene Waltero Blundo Iohanne hiberniensis ⟨21⟩ Waltero Sely Clerico meo et multis aliis.

Relaxacio<sup>2</sup>  
Thome de  
Berkeley  
domini de  
Berkeley  
facta  
Communitati  
Bristollie de  
libertate sua  
eidem contin-  
gente in  
Suburbio  
Bristollie

⟨22⟩ A touz i ceux qui ceste lettre verrount ou orrount Thomas seignour de Berkeleigh' salutz ⟨23⟩ en dieux Qe come debat fust entre nous et le Mair et la Communalte de Bristuyt ⟨24⟩ de vewe et Frank' plegg', portmaunsmot, de ouyt iours en ouyt iours ⟨25⟩ Assise de pain et de seruice, saunk' expandu et crie leue, Infangenthef, Oict-⟨26⟩-fangenthef', Garde de prisouns, Forstall', Pillori Tumbrel et totes aultres ⟨27⟩ articles a vewe de Fraunk' plegg' et Portmaunemot appurtenauntz.

[Folio  
VIII b.]

⟨1⟩ Nous clamaumz auer tutes les Fraunchises auantdités oue tutes lur appurtenaunces ⟨2⟩ come notre dreit et notre heritage Et les ditz Mair et Communalte clamauntz auer ⟨3⟩ mesmes les Fraunchises oue les appurtenaunciz en Bristuyt et en le suburb' de Bristuyt ⟨4⟩ come ceux queux ount eu vsez et enioietz du

<sup>1</sup> dominus, *interlined*.

<sup>2</sup> This is the release referred to on p. 104, f.n. 1 *supra*.



temps dunt memorie ne court Et <5> pur ceo que nous auomps entenduz par testimoniaunce de dousze bones gentz iurez lour <6> cleim des Fraunchises auaunt ditz; Nous grauntoms et relessoms pur nous et noz <7> heirs a les ditz Mair et Communalte lour heirs et lour successours toutes les Fraun-<8>-chises auaunt ditz oue lour appurtenaunciz et que ceux les eient et enioient come eux les <9> cleiment et touz pointz saunz desturbaunce ou contredit de nous et de noz heirs <10> a touz iours Issint que nous ne nos heirs desormes neioms en le suburb' de Bristuyt <11> auaunt ditz nule manere de Fraunchises Conisaunces Iuridiccions ne poier asquuhii pour <12> ascune manere cause somoundre, attacher ne destrendre ne plez tener pur rien <13> que desormes escheier purra en le suburb' auaunt ditz touchaunz les Fraunchises auaunt <14> ditz saue poier a nous a destrendre pur notre rente et la custume qest dit Stake-<15>-peny<sup>1</sup> et autres custumes et seruices a nous duwez des tenementz que de nous sunt <16> tenuz en le suburb' auaunt ditz En tesmoniaunce de quel chose a cest escript auomps <17> mys notre seal Don' a Berkeleigh' le xvij iour de Aust, Lan du Regne le <18> Roi Edward' tiercz apres la conquest quynt y ceux tesmoignes Edmund Abbe <19> de seint Austyn de Bristuyt Monsieur Iohan de Clyuedon' Seignour de Clyuedon' <20> Monsieur Geffrei de Hauteuyll' Monsieur William Traci, Monsieur Richard de la Ryuere <21> Chiualers Walter de Rodeneye Robert de Asschton' Elys de Filton' et Iohan de Oldeburi et aultres

Carta Egidii  
Draperii facta  
Proborum  
hominum ville  
Bristollie  
de quodam  
redditu ad  
sustentandum  
vnum  
Cappellanum  
imperpetuum

<22> Omnibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit Egidius draperius de Bristollia salutem <23> in Domino Nouerit vniuersitas vestra me pro salute anime mee et pro salute anime <24> Eue vxoris mee et pro salute animarum Omnium Proborum hominum Bristollie et omnium antecessorum <25> et successorum meorum dedisse concessisse et hac mea carta confirmasse In puram et <26> perpetuam et liberam elemosinam quinque marcas annui redditus ad sustentandum vnum <27> Capellanum imperpetuum qui singulis diebus Missam de sancta Maria celebret percipiendas scilicet de <28> domo mea apud Sarr' annuatim viginti solidi et de seldis meis iuxta Peisam quas <29> habui de Simone de Penris xxiiij solidi Et de domo mea in feira Bristollie quam habui <30> de Lucia le Curtiller xvj solidi et de domo que fuit Willelmi de Kyldelo in Bristollia in

<sup>1</sup> This payment is also referred to in *L.R.B.*, i, p. 10.



*Folio IX.* <1> Winchestrete dimidia Marca Et volo quod Senescalli Gilde Mercatorum Bristollie<sup>1</sup> quicumque <2> pro tempore fuerint per visum et consilium communie Bristollie eligant predictum Capellanum Et <3> locum vbi predicta celebracio honestius fieri possit et pro voluntate sua tam capellanum <4> quam locum statuant et moueant sicut melius viderint expedire; vnde vt hec mea <5> donacio concessio et confirmacio rata et stabilis inposterum perseueret presens scriptum sigilli <6> mei impressione roborauim Hiis testibus Rogero Aylard Willelmo de Kent Willelmo de Bello <7> monte Petro Clerico Ricardo Coco Philippo Longo Thoma Longo Willelmo de Tyuerton'.

Defesancia  
super  
obligacione  
statut'  
Stapule

<8> A toux y ceux qui ceste lettre verrount ou orrount Iohan Canynges merchaunt del Countee <9> de Bristuyt salut en dieux Coment que Thomas Walsche Chiualier del Countee de Leicestre a moi est <10> tenuz et obligez par son lettre Obligatoire destatut del estaple en qarraunt lyueres desterlynges a <11> paier a moi le dit Iohan ou a monn certain attornee certain iour come en le dit estatut puis <12> pleinement est contenuz Nepurquant moi le dit Iohan voille et grauntee pur moi mes heirs et <13> executours par y cestez que en cais que jeo le auantdit Iohan puisse tener bien et peisiblement a moi <14> mes heirs et mes assignez vne Mees oue lez appurtenanciz en Toukerstret en le suburbe de Bristuyt <15> saunz estre empeche par le dit monsieur Thomas et Katherine sa femme ou par les heirs enter <16> eaux deux engendrez; que aidonque en tiel cais soit le dit estatut dez ditiz qarraunt lyueres tenuz <17> pur nullez et perde sa force a toutz iours. Et si le dit Iohan Canynges ses heirs ou assignez soiount <18> oustez ou empechez par lez ditz Thomas et Katherine sa femme et lour heirs suisditz que aidonque le dit <19> estatut soit en sa force et vertue et serra execut cestez endenturez nient-countresteauntz. En tesmoig-<20>-nance de quel chose nous lez partiez auantditz ai cestez endenturez<sup>2</sup> enterchaungialement auomps <21> mys noz seals Don' a Bristuyt le xij jour de Nouembre lan du regne le Roi Richard secunde <22> puy le conquest sisme.

*Folio IX b.]* <1> Nouerint vniuersi per presentes me Iohannem Selsy filium lucie Selsy recepisce et habuisse <2> die confeccionis presencium de Rogero Seward executore testamenti Willelmi Cheddre

<sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. 24.

<sup>2</sup> les partiez, *struck through*.



de Bristollia <3> et Willelmo Byerden' et Agnete vxore eius coexeceutrice predicti Rogeri testamenti predicti decem Marcas <4> sterlingorum quas idem Willelmus Cheddre michi in testamento suo legauit; Remisi eciam per <5> presentes et relaxaui et omnino pro me heredibus et executoribus meis imperpetuum quietum clamaui prefatis <6> Willelmo Byerden' et Agneti vxori eius omnimodas acciones reales et personales quas versus eos <7> aut eorum alterum habui seu habeo a principio mundi vsque in diem confeccionis presencium In cuius <8> rei testimonium presentibus sigillum meum apposui Et quia sigillum meum pluribus est <9> incognitum sigillum officii Maioratus ville Bristollie specialiter et personaliter presentibus <10> apponi procuraui Data Septimo die Ianuarii Anno regni Regis Ricardi secundi sextodecimo.

<11> Nouerint vniuersi per presentes me Thomam Selsy filium Lucie Selsy recipisse et habuisse <12> die confeccionis presencium de Rogero Seward' executore testamenti Willelmi Cheddre de Bristollia <13> et Willelmo Byerdene et Agnete vxore eius coexecutrice predicti Rogeri testamenti supradicti decem <14> Marcas sterlingorum quas idem Willelmus Cheddre michi in testamento suo predicto legauit Remisi eciam <15> per presentes et relaxaui omnino pro me heredibus et executoribus meis imperpetuum quietum clamaui <16> prefatis Willelmo Byerdene et Agneti vxori eius omnimodas acciones reales et personales quas versus eos <17> aut eorum alterum habui habeo seu quouismodo imposterum habere potero a principio mundi vsque <18> in diem confeccionis presencium In cuius rei testimonium presentibus sigillum meum apposui Et quia <19> sigillum meum pluribus est incognitum sigillum officii Maioratus ville Bristollie specialiter et <20> personaliter presentibus apponi procuraui. Dat' Bristollie vicesimo octauo die Maii Anno <21> regni Regis Recardi secundi post conquestum sextodecimo.

*Folio X.*

Conuencio pro  
conduccionem  
aque de le Key  
pipe omnium  
Sanctorum  
etc.

<1> Ces<sup>1</sup> sont les couenantz faitz a Bristuyt le primer iour doctobre lan du grace Mil <2> troiscentz septant et sisme Et en Lan du regne le Roi Edward' tircz puis le <3> conquete Cynkaunte; Parentre Waulter Derby Maire de la ville de Bristuyt, et <4> William Somerwell' viscounte William Combe et Thomas

<sup>1</sup> As to the water supply of Bristol at this period see *Bristol Past and Present*, *op. cit.*, i, pp. 139 *sqq.* See also *Antiquities of Bristol in the Middle Centuries including the Topography*, by William Wyrcestre, ed. Dallaway, p. 69 and f.n.



Knap' Baillifs et <5> Chamburlaynz et de mesme la ville la Comunalte dunepart ; et Hugh' White Plomere com-<6>-burgeis de la dite ville daultrepart ; tesmoigne cestassauoir que le dit Hugh ferra amesner <7> duraunt sa vie a ses costages demeigne tout la eawe sourdant et encreseant a les testes <8> du condit appelle kaie pipe cestassauoir des mesmes les testes about en le condit assis sur la <9> Kaie de Bristuyt, Et auxi le dit Hugh' ferra amesner duraunt tout sa vie a cestes costa-<10>-ges demeigne tout la eawe sourdant et encreseant a les testes du condit de touz seyntz cest <11> assauoir de mesmes les testes about en le condit assis en Cornestret de Bristuyt ioust la eglise <12> de touz seyntz Et auxint le dit Hugh ferra amesner duraunt sa vie sur ses costages <13> demeigne tout la eawe venant en le Cisterne assis ioust les freres Carmes appelle la Cisterne <14> de la pipe seint Iohn' cestassauoir de mesme la Cisterne a bout en le condit assis al porte seint <15> Iohn' en Bradestret saunz nulle countredit issint que la commune de la dite ville neyent defaulte <16> ne ne [*sic*] serrount desceu ne delaiez de eawe a nulles des dites conditz en nulle temps auenir <17> duraunt la vie le dit Hugh' si ascune eawe soit troue sourdant en les testes des condutez sus-<18>-ditz Et en cas que la dite Commune eyent defaulte ou soient desceux ou delaiez de eawe a <19> ascunez des condites susditz par siz iours et ceo purra estre prouee par les Maire Viscounte et Bail-<20>-lifs de la dite ville que pour le temps serrount que ceo soit en defaulte moi le dit Hugh' ; aidonque moi <21> le dit hugh' oblige moi par y cestes depaier a la commune susdit a chescun defaulto diz lyurez <22> desterlynges sanz nulle countredit Et outre cee moi le dit Hugh' ferrai de nouel daan en aan a <23> mes propres costages mille pees reals de nouvelles pipes a meyns bones forcz et couenablez et de <24> laeure de receyure tout le eawe sourdantz a les testest des condutez susditez saunz nulle emble <25> missement ou les ewes illeoques sourdantz passe aillours ou en aultre manere forsque soulement en les <26> nouels pipes ; Les queux nouels pipes serrount chescun du longure de xx pees et nient pluis <27> et les queux noueles pipes issint faitz dan en an moi le dit Hugh' ferrai monstre auaunt qilz <28> soient mys en terre a les Maire Viscounte et Baillifs de la dite ville queux pour le temps ser-<29>-rount ou a lour assignez siqilz purrent veer si nulle defaulte soit en les dites pipes ; et si ascun <30> defaulte soit trouer ilz serrount meyntenant couenablement amendez par moi le dit Hugh' saunz <31> nulle countredite Et auxint moi le dit Hugh' comencarai a chescun teste des deux condutz <32> susditz et a la



Cisterne auantdite et les nouels pipes issint dan en an faitz ferrai mettre <33> saluement et couenablement en terre aperpetuelment durer al eops et profit de la commune sus-<34>-dite et les couenablement couerer de bones couerours saunz nulle defaulte et mesmes les <35> nouels pipes conueier de chescun des deux testes et Cisterne susditz iesques about en les

[Folio 10 b.] <1> condutz assis en les lieux de la dite ville auantditz par auys ordeignance et vewe des Maire <2> Viscounte et Baillifs de la dite ville queux pour le temps serrount ou lour assignez, Et moi <3> le dit Hugh' ferrai atauntz de naueles en les condutz susditz come busoigne bonez et couenablez <4> saunz nulle defaulte sur touz mes costagez demeigne issint que la commune de la dite ville neyent <5> mester de mettre diceo iour en auant pluis ne aultres costages en nulles des ditez condutz forsque <6> soulement defaire ou amender les testes Cisternes des condutz susditz de pierre Et outre ceo <7> la commune troueront les testes de quyre pour les dites condutz a tout le temps que enbusoigne a lour <8> costages demeigne Et moi le dit Hugh' ferrai mounder et netter sibien les testes pipes con-<9>-dutz come les Cisternes a tout le temps que embusoigne sur mes costages demeigne Et auxint moi <10> le dit Hugh' ferrai plumber les testes et condutz susditz couenablement saunz nulle defaulte sur <11> mes propres costages Et outre ceo moi leuantdit Hugh' voil et graunte pour moi et mes executours <12> par y cestes ; que en cas que ie ne ferrai et parfournierai chescun an Mil pees de noueles pipes et <13> les ferrai mettre en terre couenablement en la manere auantdite tanque les trois condutz susditz soient <14> pleynement parfourniz des noueles pipes ; aidonque chescun an que troue soit issint en moun defaulte <15> dencourger la peyne de x liures de paier la commune de la dite ville en la feste de seynt Michel <16> sanz countredit de nully Et auxint moi le dit Hugh' graunte par y cestes defaire paueer couena-<17>-blement du pierre tout le soil ou le pauement serra debruse ou arace diceo iour enauant sibien en <18> la ville come en le suburbs soit il a cause de sercher faire ou amender les pipes auantditz a tout <19> temps que enbusoigne durante tout ma vie as mes costages demeigne, As queux choses et <20> couenantz bien et loialment faire et accomplier en la forme et manere auantditz ; moi le dit Hugh' <21> oblige moi par y cestes<sup>1</sup> mes heirs et mes executours mes

<sup>1</sup> he, *struck through*.



terrez et tenementz ore esteantz en mes maynz <22> deynz le Counte de Bristuyt en queux maynz qilz deuygnent et touz mes bienz et chateux meo-<23>-bles et nientmeobles ou qilz soient trouez a la destresse et cohercion des Maire Viscounte Bail-<24>-lifs et Commune auantditz Pour queux choses et couenantz bien et loialment parfaire en la manere auant <25> escript, nous les dites Maire Viscounte Baillifs et commune auantditz auomps grantez a dit Hugh' <26> vn annuel rente de diz lyurez issauntz de certeynz tenementz assis sur le Pount de Bristuyt a auoir <27> tenir et prendre daan en aan le dit annuel rente de diz lyurez issauntz des tenementz susditz a dit <28> Hugh' ou a ses assigneez a terme de sa vie solonc le purport, et effect dune endenture parentre <29> nous et lui ent faitz et solonc les couenantz auant escriptz En tesmoignance de quele chose a <30> lune part de ceste endenture vers le dit Hugh' remeynant nous les auantditz Maire et Commune auom-<31>-ps mys notre commune seal et al aultre part du ceste endenture vers nous les ditez Maire et Commune remeynant le dit Hugh' ad mys son seal Don' a Bristuyt les iour et an susditz

*Folio 11.*  
(marked X.)

Annuitas concessa Hugoni White Plommer pro seruicio suo reparandi conductas aquarum

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit Walterus Derby Maior ville <2> Bristollie et eiusdem ville Communitas salutem in domino, Noueritis nos unanimi nostro assensu <3> et concensu tradidisse concessisse et presenti scripto nostro confirmasse; dilecto comburgensi nostro Hugoni <4> White Plommer pro bono et laudabili suo seruicio imposterum impendendo; uidelicet <5> ad faciendum reparandum et manutenendum tres conductas Communitatis; scilicet conductam prope Kaie <6> Omnium sanctorum et sancti Iohannis in vico de Bradestret sumptibus suis propriis sub modo et forma <7> cuiusdam indenture de diuersis conuencionibus et condicionibus eiusdem materie inter nos et predictum <8> Hugonem confecte; quemdam annum redditum decem librarum argenti redditus seruicie percipi-<9>-endum annuatim de tenementis et shopis subscriptis; uidelicet sexaginta sex solidos et octo denarios <10> exeuntes annuatim de quodam tenemento cum shopa adiacenti et suis pertinenciis situatis in suburbio <11> Bristollie super Pontem Abone in boriali parte eiusdem Pontis inter turrin dicti Pontis <12> ex parte vna; et tenementum Ade Pountfreit ex altera Que quidem tenementum et shopa cum suis pertinenciis



<13> quondam fuerunt Henrici Frompton' et que quidem tenementum et shopa cum suis pertinenciis Willelmus Ched-<14>-dre Rogerus Seward et Willelmus Draper Clericus nunc tenent ; Quinquaginta tres solidos et <15> quatuor denarios argenti percipiendos annuatim de quodam tenemento cum suis pertinenciis situato in eodem <16> suburbio super dictum Pontem in parte australi inter turrin dicti Pontis ex parte vna ; et tenementum <17> quondam Iohannis Hauker ex altera ; quod quidem tenementum Nicholaus Chepman die confeccionis <18> presencium inhabitauit ; Triginta solidos percipiendos annuatim de duobus tenementis situatis ibidem inter tenementum dicti <19> Nicholai ex parte vna ; et tenementum nuper Edwardi Fort' ex altera Que quidem tenementa Iohannes Ha-<20>-keston' senior nunc tenet, Viginti solidos argenti percipiendos annuatim de quodam tenemento <21> Iohannis Bount cum pertinenciis situato super dictum Pontem inter tenementum quondam Iohannis Blanket ex <22> parte vna et tenementum quondam Henrici Paris ex altera ; quod quidem tenementum Iohannes Rusham <23> die confeccionis presencium inhabitauit ; Viginti solidos percipiendos annuatim de tenemento situato ibidem <24> inter tenementum dicti Iohannis Bount ex parte vna et tenementum Ricardi Spicer et Henrici Cobyndon ex altera Quod <25> quidem tenementum Juliana vxor dicti Henrici die confeccionis presencium inhabitauit et decem solidos <26> argenti annuatim percipiendos de quodam tenemento situato in suburbio Bristollie ex opposito ostii austra-<27>-lis ecclesie sancti Nicholai sicut itur versus Baccum Abone inter tenementum Angulare Walteri de Frompton' <28> ex parte vna ; et tenementum quondam Ricardi Horlok ex altera ; quod quidem tenementum quondam fuit <29> Nicholai Draper et quod quidem tenementum Editha Draper vxor dicti Nicholai nunc tenet Habendum <30> tenendum et percipiendum et leuandum predictum annum redditum decem librarum argenti redditus <31> seruicie de tenementis et shopis supradictis cum eorum pertinenciis ad quatuor anni terminos communes et in <32> villa Bristollie vsuales equis porcionibus prefato Hugoni seu assignatis suis ad totam vitam <33> suam bene et in pace ; Ita quod si predictus annuus redditus vel eiusdem aliqua pars post aliquem <34> terminum prenominatum aretro fuerit non solutus ; extunc volimus et concedimus per presentes pro nobis <35> et successoribus nostris ; quod bene liceat eidem Hugoni seu assignatis suis omnia predicta tenementa



[Folio 11 b.] <1> et shopas cum suis pertinenciis ingredi distringere et districcones [*sic*] ibidem inuentas asportare et retinere <2> donec de dicto annuo redditu vna cum omnibus eius arreragiis sibi plenarie fuerit satisfactum contradic-<3>-cione cuiuscumque non obstante Et nos vero prenominati Maior et Communitas et successores nostri predictum <4> annum redditum decem librarum argenti redditus seruicie annuatim percipiendum de tenementis et schopis supra-<5>-dictis cum suis pertinenciis prefato Hugoni seu assignatis suis durante tota vita sua contra omnes gentes <6> Warantizabimus et defendemus In cuius rei testimonium vni parti huius scripti indentati penes dictum <7> Hugonem remanenti nos predicti Maior et Communitas sigillum nostrum commune apposuimus, Alteri vero parti <8> penes nos residenti predictus Hugo sigillum suum apposuit Dat' Bristollie primo die Octobris <9> Anno regni Regis Edwardi tertii post conquestum Quinquagesimo.

Folio 12  
[marked XI.] ORDINACIONES FACTE ET STABILITE PRO COMMUNI CLERICO IN COMMUNI CONCILIO VILLE BRISTOLLIE TEMPORE WILLELMI CANNYNGES, MAIORIS ANNO REGNI REGIS HENRICI VI<sup>ti</sup> XXVIII<sup>o</sup>

vide postea  
ff. 99

Thes  
ordinaunces  
weare made  
long before  
the time of  
King Edward  
the fourth  
by whose  
Charter the  
Maior hath  
authority to  
hold all  
maner of  
pleas<sup>1</sup>

These ben' the ordinaunces establed' and enacted' by William Cannynges Meyr of <2> Bristowe And alle the notable and discrete persones of the Commune Councell' of the seyde <3> towne the ix day of Nouembre the yere of our' souereign' Lorde Kynge Herry the <4> vj aftyr the Conqueste the xxviiij<sup>ti</sup> for the rewle of John' Joce now commune Clerke <5> of the seyde towne and for alle that shall be here aftyr as well' in takyng of Fees <6> as in other thinges as hit appereth here aftyr.

<7> Fyrste the seyde clerke and hys successoures shall take for euery bille of trespase takyn' <8> before the Mayre for the tyme beyng . . . . . iiijd.

<9> Item for the entre of euery pleynt of trespase withoute bille a fore the seyde Meyr . . . . . iiijd.

<10> Item yef hit so happe that eny pleyntyf' will be nonnsued be hit bi bille or be <11> pleynt thenne the Baylyfs for the tyme to haue . . . . . iiijd.

And the Clerke nothing

<sup>1</sup> In modern hand.



- <12> Item the commune Clerk and hys successours shall haue for  
 euery warante of Attourney . . . . . ijd.  
 <13> Item for euery capias where the cace requireth . . . . . ijd.  
 <14> Item for euery Iustificacion in any plee pledid in eny accion  
 of trespase . . . . . iiijd.  
 <15> A[n]d yef' hit be replied' by the pleyntif' . . . . . iiijd.  
 And of noht' gylty pledyd' . . . . . iiijd.  
 <16> Item for euery execucion a non' to the summe of<sup>1</sup> xxs.-ijd.  
 And so forthe <17> to xxxs. And for—xxxs. iijd. And so to  
 xls. And at xls iiijd.  
 <18> And of euery li. aboute the Summe of xls. to take id. and  
 no more.  
 <19> Item for euery suerte of the pees of the Defendaunt to  
 haue . . . . . iiijd.  
 <20> Item of euery burgeys of the towne for the makynge of a  
 reporte of wood' . . . . . iijs. iiijd.  
 <21> Item of euery man' that is made Burgeys . . . . . iijd.  
 <22> Item for hys fee for the yere the same Clerke shall  
 resseyue . . . . . iiij li.  
 <23> Item for parchemen' Wex and Wyne . . . . . xxs.  
 <24> Item for the furre of hys gown' . . . . . vis. viijd.  
 <25> Item for the seyde gown' xl Rayes and as moche playne as  
 therto behoueth  
 <26> Item for hys Clerkes gown' xxxij Rayes and as moche  
 pleyne as therto behoueth'  
 <27> Item for euery entre of Pleynt in the Staple . . . . . iiijd.  
 <28> Item for the fees in the assises as hit hath been of olde tyme  
 vsid . . . . .  
 <29> Item  
 <30> Item for eny fee to be takyn a fore the Maire and Shereff'  
 as Iustise of the <31> pees the fees of olde tyme accustomed,  
 Item for an Obligacion . . . . . ijd.  
 <32> Item for euery acquietaunce vndyr the Meyres Seell . . . . . vjd.  
 <33> Item  
 <34> Item for ij endentures of Apprentice . . . . . viijd.  
 <35> Item for a letter of attourney vndyr the Meyres Seell . . . . . xijd.  
 [Folio 12 b.] Item for the copie of euery enqueste . . . . . ijd  
 <2> Item the seyde Mayre and Councell' haue ordeyned that  
 the seyde clerke ne non' of <3> hys successoures<sup>3</sup> in the seide

Townclarke  
 clerk of  
 assises<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> of, repeated.

<sup>2</sup> In modern hand.

<sup>3</sup> as mayre of the Estaple, *struck through*.



Office shall' not take noon' accion <4> a fore the seyde Meyre and Shreve saf 'only Accions of trespase and deceyt And a fore the seyde <5> Meyre and hys successoures as Mere of the Estaple Within the seyde town' And <6> the Constables Accions of Dette as hit hath been of olde tyme vsyd' And alle other <7> accions to be referred to the courte of Tolsey withinne the seyde town' <8> Item hit is ordeyned' that the seyde Clerke the Stywarde of the Tolsey the commune attourney <9> And the commune preeste shall go be fore the Mayre and other notable persones of the Councell' <10> with the Swerdberer in the feste of Seynt Mychell' Alle Halwys and Crystmasse and other <11> tymes comaunded' after the rewle of the Citee of London' And also the seyde Clerke <12> shall' be and his successoures here aftyr continually resident in the seyde Office wythoute <13> speciall licence of the Meyre forseyde and hys successoures and that licence by hym expressly <14> graunted' <15> Item hit is ordeyned' that the seyde Clerke ne non' of hys successoures shall' nat be <16> of Councell' a yenste no maner persone of the seyde commune Councell' nother Abette ne <17> procure ne noon' other maner to be a yenste ham ne noon' of ham ne nothinge a yenste <18> ham ne non' of ham Mayntene in no wyse but to owre souereign' lorde the kyng and hys <19> Eyres and to the town' of Bristowe and to the seyde Meyre and Shereff' and commune Councell' <20> be trewe and feythfull so helpe hym god' and holidom and by the boke <21> Item Alleway forseyn' that the articles a foreseyde as takyng of Fees be no thyng' preiudiciall' <22> to the seyde clerke ne non' of hys successoures as for estraungers, but to take of them <23> as conscience and reson' will' aftyr his laboure etc.

ORDINACIONES FACTE ET STABILITE PRO  
 SENESCALLO CURIE TOLSEY TEMPORE WILLELMI  
 CANNYNGES MAIORIS ANNO REGNI REGIS HENRICI  
 VI<sup>ti</sup> XXVIII<sup>o</sup>

*Folio XIII*

These ben' the ordinaunces establed' and inacted' by William Cannynges <2> Meyre of Bristowe and alle the notable persones of the commune Councell' of the <3> seyde town' in the commune Councell'howse' of the same town' the thursday nexte <4> aftyr the feste of Seynt Martyn' in yeme the yere of the regn' of the <5> moste noble kyng henry the vj<sup>te</sup> aftyr the Conqueste of



Englond' the <6> xxviii<sup>ti</sup> for the gode rewle of the Styward' of the Courte of the Tolsey <7> and Market withinne the town' of Bristowe that now is and hys successoures <8> Stywardes in the seyde Courtes as well' in takyng' of Fees as in other thynges <9> as hit appereth' in certeyn' articles that folweth'

<10> INPRIMIS the seyde Mayre and notable persones haue ordeyned' and establed' that <11> the Styward' that now is and for the tyme here aftyr shall' be in the seyde <12> courtes at the feste of Seynt Myghell' or Sone Vppon' yerely be fore the Meyre <13> for the tyme beyng shall be sworn' vppon' a boke to kepe in hys partie alle that <14> is comprehended' in the articles here aftyr

<15> Fyrste hit is to sey that the seyde Styward' and hys successoures at alle suche tymes <16> as the Mayre that now is and for the tyme here aftyr shall be<sup>1</sup> <17> wyll' comaunde hym to be alle wey attendaunt <18> and diligent suche thinges to Execute and do as the seyde Mayre and hys successoures will' <19> comaunde hym that apperteyneth' to his Office

<20> Item that the seyde Stiward' and hys Successoures shall' be sworn' to be gode and trewe to the <21> Baylifs for the tyme beyng and to concele fro them non' Amercementis fines ne non' <22> other profite due vnto them of the prouenauntis of the seide courte and in especial' to be <23> attendaunt for the boke of Tolle and custume langyng to the town' of Bristowe and <24> notified in the Tolsey :

<25> Item that the seyde Stiward' and hys Successoures shall' be indifferent and evynly rewle <26> as lawe wille alle maner accions attained' or to be attained' a fore hym in the seyde <27> courte and nat to do ne shewe to the pleintyff' more favour' but as lawe will' then' to <28> the defendaunt Nother to rewle the defendaunt by no mene but as lawe will' and <29> ryght' but to be pleyn' in suche actes withoute any singler profit or yeft to be takyn' <30> or promitted for the more spede of the pleintyff' a yenste the defendaunt or ellys for <31> the more spede of the defendaunt a yenste the pleynteff'

<32> Item that the seyde Styward and hys successoures aftyr eny rekeuery had in the seyd courte <33> be hit by defawte knowlege of partie or verdit by enqueste shall' in haste make owte execucion <34> that is to sey by fieri facias or capias ad

no proving of  
duty spoken  
of<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Sworn' upon' a boke to kepe in hys partie alle that is comprehend,  
*expunged.*

<sup>2</sup> In modern hand.



satisfaciendum suche as the pleynteff' will' <35> pray directed to the sergeaunt of the pleinte and to comaunde hym diligently to <36> serue hit as law will' And yef the seide Sergeaunt be negligent and remisse

[Folio  
XIII b.]

<1> In executing the seyde precept' then' the seyde Styward' to compleyn' to the <2> Mere for the tyme beyng and by hys discrecion the sergeaunt to be punysshed as <3> lawe will' Allewey forseyn that the Burgeyses of Bristowe to haue the ese <4> and liberte as hit hath ben' of olde tyme vsyd' by discrecion indifferently of the <5> seyde Stiward' And aftyr that the seyde Sergeaunt so hath made levy of money <6> by the seyde execucion that then' the seyde money in pleyn' courte be deliuered to <7> the partie or parties that hath' rekeuered withoute eny dilay And that this ben' <8> executed vppon a grevous' payne assessed by the discrecion of the seyde Mayre and <9> hys successoures'.

#### THE FEES AND REWARDES THAT THE SEYDE STYWARD AND HIS SUCCESSOURES SHALL' TAKE

<10> In primis, the seyde Stiward' and his successoures shall' haue of the Baylyfs' of <11> Bristowe for the tyme beyng for hys pencion . . . . . iiij Marc'  
<12> Item for hys gown' xl. Rayes with' pleyn' therto accordaunt and suffisaunt  
<13> Item for hys furre vjs. viijd. Item for wyne ijs. viijd.  
<14> Item the same Styward' shall' have for his Clerke xxxij Rayes.  
<15> Wyth' pleyn' therto accordaunt Item for parchemen' and papyr. vjs. viijd.  
<16> Item he shall' take of no Burgeys for entre of hys pleynt nothing'  
<17> And his pleynt require a capias then' to haue of the Pleynteff' . . . . . ijd.  
<18> Item yef eny declaracion be had by eny lerned' Man' then' to <19> take of a burgeys . . . . . iiijd.  
<20> And otherwyse of a Burgeys nothing' etc.  
<21> Item as moche of the plee embarr pledyd in lyke wyse by a lerned' man' and yef <22> hit rien luy doite or non cul null' tiell' accompt' or rien luy detient or in eny other <23> plee lyke to take of a Burgeys nothing' etc : And yef hit happe eny recorde



⟨24⟩ to be made by force of a writte of Errour or in eny other wyse of the Materes ⟨25⟩ a fore seyde then' to take of a Burgeys ijs. or xld. at the moste as the cace ⟨26⟩ requireth' more then' to take more by the discrecion of the Mayre

⟨27⟩ Item to take for euery recorde of a warant of attourney of a burgeys . . . . . ijd.

⟨28⟩ Item the seyde Stiward' and his successores shall' take for euery execucion ⟨29⟩ that is awarded to the summe of xxs. and within of a Burgeys' . . . . . ijd.

⟨30⟩ And yef hit excede the Summe of xxs. And so hit come to the summe ⟨31⟩ of xxxs. to take of a Burgeys . . . . . iijd.

⟨32⟩ And so forthe to the Summe of xls. And yef hit come to Summe of xls. ⟨33⟩ then' to take of a Burgeys for execucion iiijd.

⟨34⟩ And of every li. above xls. then to take of a Burgeys for execucion . . . . . ob.

*Folio XIII* ⟨1⟩<sup>1</sup> yef hit so be that the declaracion be aftyr Lawe Marchaunt And ⟨2⟩ at the commune lawe to take of a Burgeys nothing of the ob. for the - li. ⟨3⟩ Item the seyde Meyre and notable men' will' that the seyde Styward' and hys ⟨4⟩ successoures shall' take of euery Estraunger of euery li. rekeuered' be hit by ⟨5⟩ lawe Marchaunt or the commune lawe - id. And for hys pleynte entry the capias ⟨6⟩ Declaracion ple embarre and replicacion by a lerned' man<sup>2</sup> made or eny other to take as hit ⟨7⟩ hath' ben' of olde tyme vsid, Alwey forseyn' to be indifferent and evyn' withoute ⟨8⟩ eny corrupcion takyng of money or other rewardes be twene partie and partie as hit ⟨9⟩ is a fore seyde Item the seyde Stiward' shall' take for euery Scire facias . . . . . iiijd.

⟨10⟩ Item for euery copie of enqueste . . . . . ijd.

Item for euery copie of pleynt . . . . . ijd.

⟨11⟩ And alle these Articles and euery article be fore rehersed' well' and trewly to be kepte ⟨12⟩ and obserued in the partie of the seyde Stiward' that now is the seyde Mayre ⟨13⟩ and notable men' will' that the seyde Stiward shall' be bounde to the seyde Mayre ⟨14⟩ and to suche other as the seyde Meyr lyketh' by an Obligacion of .xx.li. condicio-⟨15⟩nally to be made aftyr dew fourme of lawe And this ordinaunce to be kepte vsid' ⟨16⟩ and continued

<sup>1</sup> And, *deleted*.

<sup>2</sup> man, *interlined*.



<17> Item hit is ordeygned that the seyde Stiward' and hys Successoures hereafter shall' <18> nat make no panell' of enqueste nother therto be prevey be twene partie and partie to <19> trie eny Issew pledid in the Tolsey courte vnto tyme that hit haue be made by the <20> Baylyfs' for the tyme beyng and by the Sergeant of the pleynt Alwey forseyn' <21> that the seyde panell' shall' be made be the seyde Baylyfs' for the tyme beyng <22> and by the Sergeaunt of the pleynt and nat by the Stiward' ner hys Successoures

<23> Item the seyde Stiward' and hys successoures shall' be continually resident in the seyde <24> Office and nat to departe withoute licence of the Mayre and hys successoures asked' <25> and graunted and at suche solempne festes that is to sey Myghh'elmasse Allehalwys' <26> and Cristmasse and other tymes comaunded to go a fore the Meyre with the commune Clerke <27> of the seyde town' after the Rewle of the Citee of London'

<28> Item the forseyde Stiward' shall' take of euery Ship estraunger that bereth a top' . . . . . iiijd.

<29> for the entre And withoute a top' of a Straunger . . . ijd.

<30> And of a Burgeys nothing' for the entre

<31> Item the seyde Stiward shall' have yerly the hooll' fine of a Burgeys.

[Folio  
XIIII b.]

Memorandum that the xx<sup>ti</sup> day of May Anno regni regis Henric sexti post Conquestum <2> xxviii<sup>o</sup> William Canynges Mayre of the town' of Bristow Thomas Hore Sheryff' <3> of the same town' Iohn' Borton' Richard Forster Iohn' Sherp' Clement Bagot <4> Iohn' Shipward' Iohn' Stanley Nicholas Hille and <sup>1</sup>William Coder Iohn' <5> Forde William Pavy with' alle the notable and worthi persones beyng assembled' <6> in the Commune Councell' House of the seide town' the day and yere aboue said' <7> havyn' ordeyned estabed and graunted that the drinkynges on' Seynt Iones nyght' <8> and Seint Petres nyght' fro this tyme forward' shall vtterly be lefte a monge <9> persones of Craftes goynge tho nyghtes be fore the seide Mayre Sheref' and notable <10> persones and her successoures And that the Mayre for the tyme beyng shall' or-<11>-deyne at his dispenche wyne to be disposed' to the seyde craftes to ther halles a seynt <12> Iones

<sup>1</sup> alle, *struck through*.







⟨34⟩ Memorandum, that the v<sup>th</sup>e Day of Iune Anno xxviiij<sup>o</sup> Regis Henrici sexti bi the Maire ⟨35⟩ Sh[e]ref' and alle the notable and discrete persones<sup>1</sup> forseide was ordeyned ⟨36⟩ and establisshed that xv li. left of the vicaries money of Alle Halwys shold' ⟨37⟩ be deliuered to Iohn' Shipward' Iohn Stanlegh' Nicholas Hille William ⟨38⟩ Pounham and William Rolfe to be disposed and sette in reperacion' of the Wallis ⟨39⟩ of the seide towne where ham thinken' most necessarie, Whiche money ⟨40⟩ bi theseide Stanleygh' and Pounham was resceued to thentent forseide

[Folio XV is blank.]

[Folio XV b.] ⟨1⟩ These ben' the deliueraunces of Nicholas Hille Richard' Hatter Philip ⟨2⟩ Meed and Thomas Rogers keepers of the keyes of Barstaples cofre ⟨3⟩ with' Inne the Chapell' of<sup>2</sup> saint George in the Yeldhalle bi commaundementis ⟨4⟩ of Richard' Forster Maire and the commune councell' of the same anno xxv<sup>to</sup> ⟨5⟩ Henrici sexti, Iohn' Burton' Maire And ye commune councell' Anno xxvij<sup>o</sup> H. sexti. ⟨6⟩ And William Canynges Maire And the commune councell' Anno xxviiij<sup>o</sup> H. vj<sup>ti</sup> ⟨7⟩ of the money Sumtyme of the Vicarie of Allehalwyn'

ex dono

{ ⟨8⟩ In primis to oure soueraine lorde Kynge the tyme of Richard'  
 ⟨9⟩ Anno xxv<sup>to</sup> Henrici sexti in money . . . . xx li.  
 ⟨10⟩ Item for an hors to oure saide soueraine lorde

vj li. xiiij s. iiij d.

⟨11⟩ Item sende to London' to the Recorder and Iohn Sherp' the yonger to be ⟨12⟩ disposed in the parliament for the welfare of the towne ⟨13⟩ the tyme of Iohn' Burton' Anno xxvij<sup>o</sup> xx li.  
 ⟨14⟩ Item for the mater of Tynby and other necessities  
 ⟨15⟩ sende to the saide Recorder and Iohn' Sherp' to London' v. li.  
 ⟨16⟩ Item for reperacion of the wallis of Bristow deliuered to  
 ⟨17⟩ Nicholas Hille And to Iohn' Stanlegh' bi commaundement  
 ⟨18⟩ of William Canynges Maire And all' the commune Councell'  
 ⟨19⟩ Anno xxviiij<sup>o</sup> Henrici sexti . . . . xv. li.

Summa totalis . . . C. Marc'

<sup>1</sup> of the, *struck through*.

<sup>2</sup> the y, *struck through*.



Folio XVI.

ACT' IN COMMUNI CONSILIO TEMPORE WILLELMI  
CANNYNGES MAIORIS ANNO REGNI REGIS HENRICI  
VI<sup>ti</sup> POST CONQUESTUM XXVIII<sup>o</sup>

⟨1⟩ Memorandum quod die Iouis quintodecimo die Ianuarii Anno supradicto Willelmus ⟨2⟩ Cannynge Maior ville Bristollie Thomas Hore vicecomes eiusdem ville et omnes ⟨3⟩ notabiles persone de communi Concilio predictae ville existentes adinuicem in eorum communi ⟨4⟩ domo ordinauerunt et stabilierunt de cetero duratur' quod tam duo Milites quam ⟨5⟩ burgenses pro villa predicta et Communia eiusdem ad parliamentum domini nostri Regis ordinandi ⟨6⟩ et ibidem ad<sup>1</sup> comparandum post presens parliamentum finitum quilibet eorum<sup>2</sup> capiet per diem ⟨7⟩ de Balliuis ville predictae pro tempore existentibus – ijs. Pro vadiis eorum ⟨8⟩ et non vltra vllo modo

⟨9⟩ Memorandum that the xxviiij Dai of August the yere of the regne of kyng Henry ⟨10⟩ the Sext after the Conquest the xxviiij bi thaduis of William Canynge Maire ⟨11⟩ of Bristow Thomas Hore Shirref of the saide towne<sup>3</sup> Iohn' Burton' Richard ⟨12⟩ Forster Iohn' Sherp' the elder Clement Bagot Iohn' Shipward' Iohn Stanlegh' Nicholas ⟨13⟩ Hille William Coder William Pavy William Spencer Richard' Alberton' at that tyme ⟨14⟩ Baillifs of the same towne and alle other notable persones of the<sup>4</sup> Councell' of the ⟨15⟩ saide towne assembled in thar' commune counsell' hous considering a supplicacion' put vn ⟨16⟩ to tham' in the seide councell' hous the day and yere bouesaide and to this acte annexid ⟨17⟩ bi the good persons of the craftis of Tailours<sup>5</sup> Goldsmythes and Cordewaners ⟨18⟩ whiche bille radde a fore the seide Maire and notable persones and bi tham' communed ⟨19⟩ was thought' resonable, Hauen' ordeyned establisshed and enactid that alle housholders ⟨20⟩ and craft holders of the Craftis of Tailours Goldsmythes and Cordwaners<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> ibidem ad, *interlined*.

<sup>2</sup> non, *struck through*.

<sup>3</sup> will, *struck through*.

<sup>4</sup> saide, *struck through*.

<sup>5</sup> Ordinances for the Guild of Tailors, and for the Gild of Cordwainers, are to be found in the *L.R.B.*, vol. ii, pp. 26 *sqq.* and pp. 101 *sqq.* The present ordinance has no counterpart in either of these ordinances.

<sup>6</sup> and Cordwaners, *interlined*.



with'Inne the saide <21> towne and ben' alienes And men not borne vnder the kynges obeisshaunce whiche <22> ben' of good name and fame And burgeis dwelle stille and a bide in the saide towne <23> in ocupacion' of the saide Craftis. And that no suche housholder ne craftholder aliene <24> ne none other housholder ne craftholder with' Inne the saide towne of the saide crafte<sup>1</sup> ne noon' of tham' <25> herafter resceiue no maner apprentice couenaunt man Iorneyman' ne Tasker aliene and <26> borne oute of the kynges ligeaunce ne tham' ne noon' of theym' put in ocupacion' in <27> the saide Craftis, but oonly the seide housholders and craftholders alienes and alle other <28> housholders and<sup>2</sup> craftholders of the saide craftis with' Inne the same towne shull' resceue <29> and occupie in the seide craftis apprenticez couenauntem Iorneymen and Taskers borne <30> vnder the ligeaunce of oure saide soueraine Lorde kyng and noon' other'

<31> Also hit is ordeyned that alle apprenticez couenauntmen Iorneymen and Taskers which <32> ben' alienes and borne oute of the kynges ligeaunce and now ben' in seruice And <33> ocupacion' in the seide craftis ben' vtterly voided a thishalf' the fest of Seint Michell' <34> the Archangle next comyng, And not after that fest to be suffred to wirche or <35> laboure in the saide Craftis in any wise

<36> And whate housholder craftholder aliene or any other' housholder or Craftholder with'ynne <37> the saide towne of the craftis foreseide that any apprentice Iorneyman couenauntman' <38> or Tasker resceiuen' or occupien' in the seide craftis A contrarie this ordenance to lese <39> to the vse of the towne of Bristow—xls., and to be depreyd and discomuned <40> of har burgeswike, and neuer to be maad burgeis after

*Folio XVI b is blank.*]

*Folio XVII.* <1> Memorandum that the x dai of Iuyn' the yere of the regne of Kyng Henry the vj<sup>the</sup> <2> after the Conquest the xxvij<sup>th</sup> bi William Canynges Maire Thomas Hore <3> Shirref' Iohn' Burton' Richard' Forster Iohn' Sherp' the elder' Clement Bagot <4> Iohn' Shipward' Iohn' Stanley Nicholas Hille William Coder Iohn' Forde Iohn' <5> Troite William Pavy Iohn' Hook' Iohn' Gosselyn' Thomas Meed Iohn' Wy-<6>-thiford' William Howell'

<sup>1</sup> of the saide crafte, *interlined*.

<sup>2</sup> h, *struck through*.



Acta sunt hec  
die anno et  
loco contentis  
per Maiorem et  
Concilium qui  
preceperunt  
me Iohannem  
Ioce  
Communem  
clericum  
inactare [sic]

Nicholas Stone Robert Sturmy Richard' Hatter Richard'  
<7> Haddon' William Pounham<sup>1</sup> Thomas <8> Rogers Richard'  
Marchall' Richard' Bailli William Damme William Talbot Iohn'  
<9> Hille William Rolfe Iohn' Wikeham Iohn' Benet Iohn' Sherp'  
Iunior And Iohn' <10> Hopper, William Spencer, Richard  
Alberton' Baillifs notabiles and discrete <11> persones of the  
commune Counsell' was ordeyned decreed and establisshed that  
<12> xl li. of the money of Iohn' Clyue late bi the testament of  
the saide Iohn' <13> assigned and bi quethe to the Communalte  
of Bristow to be disposed and besette <14> to the amending of  
the walles of the same towne And other' fortfeingis <15> and  
to be deliuered to Iohn' Shipward' Iohn' Stanley Nicholas Hille  
William <16> Pounham Iohn' Benet William Rolfe And by tham'  
the seide xl li. to be <17> disposed or bi other' of thaym' as  
thei or other' of tham' thinken necessarie <18> and behofull'

<19> Memorandum that the teweaday in the fest of Seint Thomas  
the Martre the yere <20> forseide bi the seide Maire Shirref'  
Baillifs and alle the notable persones <21> forseide of the seide  
councell', Was ordeyned enactid decreed and establisshed <22>  
that other' xl li. of the money of the seide Iohn' Clyue so  
bequethen' to <23> the communes to be deliuered to the seide  
persones or to other' of thaym' to be disposid <24> and besette  
to thentent of the amending of the walles forseide and other'  
<25> fortfeingis

<26> Whiche Summes forseide at the daies and yeres forseide  
were deliuered to <27> the seide Iohn' Shypward' and persons  
forseide by Nicholas Hille Philip Meed <28> Thomas Rogers  
and Richard' Hatter oute of the commune cofre tho at that  
tyme <29> kepers of the keyes of the saide Cofre in presence of  
the saide Maire <30> And for asmuche as the x day of Iuyl the  
yere forseide remayned xx li. <31> of the money of the saide Iohn'  
Clyue in the seide cofre bi the seide Maire <32> Shirref Baillifs  
and alle the seide notable persones of the counsell' was  
<33> decreed, enactid and ordeyned that the seide xx li. And  
other' xx li. <34> of the money of Waulter Power sumtyme yeven'  
to the seide communes shold' <35> be deliuered to the seide Iohn'  
Shipward' and other forseide or to other <36> of thaym' to be  
disposid and be sette to the entent of the amending <37> of the  
walles forseide and other' fortfeingis etc.

<sup>1</sup> Nicholas Stone, Robert Sturmy, Richard Hatter, *expunged*.



[Folio  
XVII b.]

<1> Item the secunde day of Auguste the yere forsaide in ther saide commune Councell' House by the <2> assent of the saide Mayre Sheref and alle the saide notable persones essemblid' in the saide <3> hous was ordeyned' and decreed' that .xl.li. of commune money shulde be had and deliuered' <4> to Nicholas Hille William Pavy and Richard Hatter And ther' with' certeyn' gonnes <5> and other stufte necessarie for defence of the said' town' And in iij [?] parcellis vnder the <6> fourme that folwith' <7> In primis xx botefull' of Warpestones. Item alle the Salt petre that may be founde <8> in this towne Item a dosyn brasyn' gonnes to be made Shetyng pelettis as grete as a <9> parys balle or lesse and euery gonne with' iiij Chambres

<10> Aftyр alle which' ordinaunces enactis and establissh'mentis We Nicholas Hille Phelypp' Meed' <11> Thomas Rogers and Richard' Hatter kepers of the keyes of the Commune Cofre the saide summes <12> of Money and euery parcell' therof truly and dewly haue deliuered' and paied' to the <13> saide Iohn' Shipward' and other to execute thentente forseid' Which' deliuerauncis and <14> paymentis of summes of money forsayd' We Weliam [sic] Canynges Mayre Thomas <15> Hore Sherref' and alle the notable persones haue knowen' and Seyn' by the said' <16> Nicholas Phelyp Thomas and Richard' Hatter Well' and truly payed' and deliuered' <17> to the saide Iohn Shipward' and other to execute thentente forsaide Wherefore We <18> the Mayre and Sherreff and alle the notable persones forsaide of the commune Councell' <19> holde vs of the saide summes fully content and discharge and quyte the saide Nicholas <20> Phelyp Thomas and Richard her heyres and executouris godes and Catelx londes and <21> tenementis for the deliuerance of the saide summes of money for euermore.

<22> Memorandum that the xv day of Septembre Anno xxix<sup>o</sup> Henrici Sexti <23> Iohn' Shipward' merchaunt of Bristow Accompted a fore Nicholas Hille <24> William Pavy Richard' Hatter and Thomas Rogers Auditours assigned to hire <25> the accomptis of the disposicion' of vj<sup>xx</sup> li., deliuered to the seide Iohn' Shipward' <26> bi thaduis of William Cannynges Maire Thomas Hore Shirref' and <27> alle the notable persones of the Commune Counsell' graunted to the amending' of <28> the wallis and other fortifiengis of the same Which' auditours the saide <29> accomptis fully haue hurd and examined<sup>1</sup> and verely and

<sup>1</sup> exaia'ned, in the text.



trueli bi the saide <30> Iohn' Shipward' accompted, The seide Iohn' Shipward' his heires <31> and executours and alle his godes and catellis therof to be dischargid <32> and quyte for euermore hauen' fully ordeyned and decreed, And alle the <33> accomptis of the seide vj<sup>xx</sup> li. remayneth' in Barstaples Cofre with' <34> ynne the Chapelle of Seint George

*Folio XVIII* <1> Memorandum that the thursday next a fore the quinsisme of Pasche <2> anno regni regis H. vj<sup>th</sup>. vicesimo nono bi Iohn' Burton' Maire Robert <3> Sturmy Shirref' and alle the Commune counsell' of the saide towne <4> beyng in thar' commune counsell' hous was ordeyned and commaundid <5> to Iohn' Sherp' the yonger and William Dyllyng Baillifs of <6> Bristow to pay to Thomas Yonge recorder lj. li. <7> whiche the same Thomas had paide bi fore to Rothewell' <8> Vnder Tresorer of Englund' for the vse of the kyng as in<sup>1</sup> partie <9> paiement of the Ferme of the saide towne, As hit apperid <10> bi a taill' therof' shewid to the saide Maire Shirref and commune <11> counsell the day yere and place forsaide.

[*Folio XVIIIb.*] ORDINACIONES PER COMMUNE CONCILIUM  
TEMPORE WILLELMI CANYNGES MAIORIS ANNO  
XXVIII<sup>o</sup> HENRICI VI<sup>th</sup>

for the  
trowes

<1> The Mayre and Shereff by the advis of alle the Commune Councell' of Bristow haue ordey- <2> ned that any trowe or other vessell' that chargeth or ladeth at Teukesbury Glouc' or eny <3> other place there and so cometh' toward' the towne of Bristow lade with' whete malte or <4> eny other corne, And dischargeth' by the wey and cometh' not directly to this key and <5> aftyr that he hath' so discharged by the wey cometh' to the key forsaide or eny other place <6> within the saide towne, that the saide Trowe or vessell' in no wyse be suffred' to <7> lade no maner of merchaundise ne Cole that yere aftyr fro the saide towne And <8> what merchaunt of Bristow that ladeth any merchaundise or Cole contrary this ordinaunce <9> to lese at euery defeaute - xls . And what Baylyfs' of Bristowe that bi colour' of <10> ther office for any fyne to be made with' ham privy or apert suffre any suche trowe or <11> Vessell to charge and lade any merchaundise or Cole in parte or in alle to lese for euery <12>

<sup>1</sup> in, *interlined*.



defaute - xls . to be levyed' bi thair Successours to the vse of the towne forsaide

Portwemen'

⟨13⟩ Item his [*sic*] is ordeyned' that the Baylifs her aftyr shall' make no maner man' ne wo-⟨14⟩-man' Portman' ne Portwoman' within the saide towne of Bristow to haue no Fer-⟨15⟩-ther ne lenger privilege but oonly for her Custome Alwey for bodyn' bi the saide ⟨16⟩ Mayre and Shereff' and alle the Commune Councell' bi this ordinaunce that the saide ⟨17⟩ portmen' and Portwomen' shall' not bi ne Selle in no wyse within the saide towne ⟨18⟩ as a burgeys doth' And yef any Baylifs' of the saide towne in any tyme her aftyr ⟨19⟩ pryvy or aperte resseyue any portman' or portwoman' the Contarye this ordinaunce ⟨20⟩ to lese - xls. at euery defawte to be levyed' bi their successours' of their godis ⟨21⟩ and catelx except' allewey Tapsteres and hoksters, and other Sellers of vitailis ⟨22⟩ to retaill'

⟨23⟩ Item hit is ordeyned' that any burgeys arreste bi wrytte of Supplicauit and writtis ⟨24⟩ of privilege out of Chauncery to pay no gretter fees sauf' only—ijs. to the ⟨25⟩ Sheref' and to the Bailly erraunt—iiijd. and no more for noon' obligacion ⟨26⟩ nother for other thing.

⟨27⟩ Item hit is ordeyned' that fro this day forward' no persone ley no tymbre vpon the key in ⟨28⟩ maner and fourme as be fore tyme was vsed but that hit be leyd' be yende the Toure and ⟨29⟩ what Maire or Baylyfs that licenceth' any persone to lay any Tymbre the contrary this ⟨30⟩ ordinaunce to lese to the behoof' of the Communalte—x marc' to be levyed' be thair ⟨31⟩ Successours of thair godes and catelx

Tymbre laid  
upon' the key

Folio 19  
[marked  
XVIII.]

ORDINACIONES PER COMMUNE	}	XXX HENRICI SEXTI.
CONCILIU DE TEMPORE		
JOHANNIS STANLEY MAIORIS		
ANNO		

⟨1⟩ Memorandum that the xiiij<sup>the</sup> day of Decembre the yere of the regne of Kynge Henry the sexte ⟨2⟩ aftyr the Conquest of Englonde xxx<sup>the</sup> bi the advyce of Iohn' Stanley Maire ⟨3⟩ Richard Hatter Sherref' and alle the commune Councell' assembled in thar Councell' ⟨4⟩ House is ordeyned and enstablisshed that Harry Barbour Robert Megges and Iohn' ⟨5⟩ Aleyn'



laat Constables and seruantes to Robert Iakes and Iohn' Hoper Bailyfs' <6> sume' [?] to the keye and other occupacions longynge to the office of Bayly be vtterly <7> remeved' fro the said' Baylyfs and alle othee Baylifs fro this day forward' <8> and not to be suffred' to occupie to non' occupacion that longeth' vnto the Bailyfs, <9> And yef the saide Bailyfs or any Baily her aftyr putte tham or any of tham <10> to any suche occupacions shall forfeite to the vse of the Communalte x li.

*Barellis of  
herying'*

<11> Item hit is ordeined bi the saide Maire Sherref' and Commune Councell' that fro the feste <12> of Natiuite of saint Iohn' Baptiste nexte comynge alle maner of Barellis with' hering <13> hering sayme or any other Marchaundise brought' to this towne or to be had here hens <14> shall' holde xxx galons aftyr the statute of Kynges Edwardes late Kynges of Englonde

<15> The samon' pip, lx galons the kylderkyng' xv galons, and so accomptinge euery <16> lasse vessell' in quantite aftyr the afferaunt, And yef any Barell' Samon' pip <17> kylderkyng' be of fasse Mesure than' is a fore rehersed' as well' burgeyses Marchauntis <18> of this towne as denisen' and forein of what contrey that he be of shall' <19> forfait the saide Barell' pip half' pip or any other of lasse quantite after <20> the afferaunt and due gauge thereof Maad'

For  
fyshmongeris  
that will'  
take vpone  
them to by  
and sille fryshe  
fyshe that  
comyth to the  
towne.

<21> Item that no maner Fyshmonger ne Fish siller within this towne and Suburbis of the <22> same be hit man' or woman' take vpon him to bie ne to selle no maner <23> fressh' fissh' in pottes ne in other wyse ne noon' retaile to selle to the peple excepte <24> for ther owne vitallis but alle tho be hit man' or woman' that bringeth' <25> any fresh' fissh' to towne be hit in pottes panyers or in other wyse shall' <26> sille thair fyssh' tham self' and whate Fisshmonger or fissh seller that <27> byeth' or selleth' any fissh' the contrarie of this ordinaunce to selle hit ayen' <28> shall forfait and lese to the use of the Communalte xld. at euery defaute <29> withoute pardon'.

#### ORDINACIO

[Folio 19 b.]

for the  
cookis

<1> Also that no Cook' within this towne shall' bie no Fressh' Fissh' other wyse then' <2> to sethe hit to the vse of the peple and nat to selle hit ayen' rawe upon peyn' of <3> xld. withoute any pardon' <4> Item that noo Cook' ne non' other persone man'



ne woman' that hauen' used a fore <5> this tyme to regrate puchons  
smale Bryddes grete Bryddes other wildefoule <6> Capons Hennys  
gees Conynges or any other suche vitallis that thei ne noon' of  
<7> tham bi noon' a fore the oure of x smyten' at Seynt Nicholas  
And what <8> persone that doth' the contrary to forfaite, xld.  
for euery defaute And that <9> no man' ne woman' forstalle no  
suche vitallis vpon' the same peyne

<10> Item that alle that bringe rissches<sup>1</sup> to towne to make ther  
market in Wynchestrete <11> at a place therto ordeyned and in  
non' other place in peyne of forfeiture of the same

<12> Memorandum that the Wednesday the xij day of Ianuar'  
the yere a forsayde bi the advice <13> and assent of Iohn' Stanley  
Maire Richard Hatter Sherref' Iohn' Sherp' thelder <14> William  
Canynges Iohn' Shipward Nicholas Hille William Coder Iohn'  
Troyte <15> Robert Sturmy William Pounham Richard Haddon'  
Phelip Mede Thomas <16> Rogers Richard Bayly William Rolfe  
Iohn' Forde Iohn Wykham William <17> Spencer William Damme  
Richard Alberton' Roberd Iakes Iohn' Hoper William <18> Reynes  
and other diuers persones of the commune Councell' assemblyd  
in thair Councell' <19> house the dai and yere forsaide for grete  
Causes that moevid' tham of the demeinyng <20> of Thomas  
Excestre in executing his Office of Styward' of Bristowe haue  
<21> vtterly remeid' and discharged the said Thomas Excestre  
of the saide Office

<22> Not withstandinge the said Maire Sherref' and Commune  
Councell' of ther grace <23> and bi cause that alle bokes obligations  
and other billes shall' bi the saide Thomas <24> be maad redy to  
be deliuered to the said Maire bi the feste of Ester next <25>  
comynge haue licensed' the saide Thomas to occupie the saide  
Office<sup>3</sup> <26> vnto the saide feste and then to departe, Allewey  
forseyn' that the saide <27> Thomas duringe the mene tyme shall'  
not sewe to oure souerayn' lord kyng <28> ne to noon' other<sup>4</sup>  
lord' ne persone <sup>5</sup>for restitution of the saide office<sup>5</sup> ne to trouble  
ne vexe noon' of the saide <29> Councell' and yef he doo to  
voyde incontinente.

<sup>1</sup> i.e. rushes, see *Promptorium Parvulorum*, Camden Society, ii, p. 435.  
*sub. nom.* Rysche.

<sup>2</sup> n, *interlined*.

<sup>3</sup> and, *struck through*.

<sup>4</sup> man, *struck through*.

<sup>5-5</sup> *interlined*.



*Folio XX* <1> Vpon which' ordinaunce and establishment the saide Maire and Sherref' and alle the notable <2> persones of the commune councell' forsaide assemblid' in the house accustomed' the Morwe vpon <3> the feste of saint Valantine that is to say the xiiij day of Feuerere the yere of <4> the regne of the kinge forsaide the xxx<sup>the</sup> bi thar commune assent chase and assigned <5> Thomas Devenish' son' of Nicholas Devenyssh to be Clerke of the Tolsey and <6> of the Courte there holden', to haue and to occupie at the wille of the saide Maire <7> Sherref' and commune Councell' and thar Successours takynge the fees and wages <8> ordeined' and prouided' bi the saide commune Councell' as hit appereth' in a table <9> in the yeldehalle And to his othe at Ester nexte comynge.

<10> Item the same day and yere was avised bi the saide Maire Sherreff' and commune <11> councell' that the Duc' of Yorkis letter send to the Maire and the Communes shulde <12> be opynly redde a fore the saide communes And a copie of the saide letter to be <13> deliuered to Iohn' Seriaunt Messenger to the Queene to deliuer to oure <14> souerayn Lorde the Kynge and his councell' And so was doon'.

[*Folio 20 b.*] <1> Hit is to bee Remembred that in the dayes of the regne of King harry that was of <2> dede and nott of right' there was sent to Bristowe. v. barels of gonne powdyr iiij barels <3> of salt petyr and two barels of Brymstone powdyr to the poys of xx. lityll' more litill' <4> lesse by oon' Iohn' Iudde that tyme Maistre of the same harries ordynaunce and putte by hym <5> in the handys kepinge and gouernaunce of oon harry Maye Marchaunte of the seid towne of <6> Bristowe to be sold by hym to the profite and advaile of the seid Iohn' Iudde, After the resceyte <7> of whiche xj barels by the said harry Maye in Maner and fourme forsaide the seide pretensed <8> king with other his adherentis maliciously purposeng the deth' and distruccion' of the ryght' high' <9> and myghti prynce Duc of York whoos soule god assoile hys sonnys and other lordes his <10> wellewillers as muche as in theyme was And William Canynges then beyng Maire of <11> the said towne of Bristowe vndirstonding wele and knowing for certeine the seide harry <12> May to be of like disposicion' and assistent to Iamys then being Erle of Wiltshire by <13> Counsaile comfort worde and dede as moche as in him was

The  
dispendinge  
of the gonne  
powdyr that  
was hadde from  
harry Maye In  
the tyme of  
William  
Canynges  
Maire.



by the grete advise and assent of alle <14> the Comyn Counsaile of the seid towne the said xj barels did arreste and theyme putte <15> into the Tresoure Chambyr of the said towne.

<16> After whiche arreste the said high' and myghti prynce Duc of York on whoos soule god haue <17> mercy sent two Comyssions to the said Maire and Commyn Counseile desiring in the same <18> that they shuld take vpon theyme the rule governaunce and defens of the kyngys Castell' <19> of Bristowe ayenist the purposed malice of the Duc of Somerseth' which entended <20> as he ryght' wele understode to haue entre and rule of the said Castell' Atte which' tyme <21> and in the same Castell' was spent a parcell of the said stuff' to the somme of iiij wight <22> or thereby.

<23> Item after that the king our naturall' liege lord that nowe is sent vnto the said Maire <24> and Comyn Counsaile like comaundement.

<25> And after that oure said naturall' liege lorde sent to the said Maire and Comyn Counseile <26> to purvey and make an Armye of as many shippys as they myght, to the parties of Walis <27> to resiste the malice of Iasper that tyme called Erle of Pembroke and to take or distroye <28> al suche shippis as to hym were belonging and to other of his affynytes whiche saide <29> Armye was made and sent forthe at the Costys of the saide Maire and Counseile to ther <30> costys and chargis of v.c. marc' and more atte whiche tyme there was dispended' <31> of the said stuffe ix C wight' litill' more litill' lesse.

<32> And after that Armye soo made oure said naturall' liege lord comaunded' ayenne the <33> said Maire by his writinge and by Instruccion yeven unto Thomas Mauncell' oon of the <34> vsshers of his hall' to doo arreste al shippis bargys balingers and pycardys for a newe <35> armye to be made into the saide parties of Walis and to purvey for xxiiij<sup>ti</sup> barels of <36> gonne powdyr and other stuffe for the said Armye ayenst his commyng into thies Marches

<37> At whoos commyng to Bristowe the Resydue of al the saide stuffe with' other stuffe of <38> the said towne by hys hygh' commaundement was deliuered to Philip harueys <39> Maistre of his ordynaunce by the handys of Thomas hore Chamberleyne of the saide <40> towne of Bristowe xiiij and more of gonne



powdyr' in xiiij kilderkyns to stuffe the <41> said shippis for the saide Armye And in this wise and in noon other wise hit is <42> dispended' by the kingys hygh' auctoritee

*Folio XXI.* <1> All' whiche matiers before rehersed' considered We pray you Thomas Yonge to <2> enfourme the lorde Chamberleyne so that by his meanys the kingys highnesse herof' <3> may haue Redy knowledge yf' neede bee, For asmoche as hit liked' his hygh'nesse late to <4> sende his letter of pryvey seale directed' to William Canyngis Richard Alberton' and hary [*sic*] <5> Maye and to euery of' theyme streytely commaunding theyme by the same to deliuere al the <6> saide stuffe to Iohn' Waynefflete Esquier the kyng being not enfourmed of' the <7> dispending and delyuere therof' as it is to suppose as ys aforesaide whiche pryvey seale <8> ye haue in youre owen governaunce.

[*Folio XXI b is blank.*]

#### PROCLAMACIONES.

*Folio XXII.* <1> The Mayre the Shereff' and the commyn Councell' of the  
 1. towne of Bristow <2> haue ordeyned' that euery Baker of the seyde towne make gode brede of gode paste and of <3> gode wight' and that they sell' iiij lofes for a peny and ij lofes for a penny, and <4> peny white brede and peny whete brede and noon other wyse vpon' peyne of Forfeture <5> of the same brede that is other wyse made  
 <6> Also that the Bakers make no ij peny brede nothir white  
 2. ne wheten' in eny wyse <7> vpon' the peyne aboue seide but hit be spoken'  
 3. <8> Item that thes Bakers putte ther markes vpon' alle brede that they bake vpon' the <9> same peyne and they kepe the assise alle thinges leste vpon' ther owne perill'  
 4. <10> Item that no Baker bie no corne vj mile aboute Bristowe vpon peyne of euery defaute preuid' <11> vpon him di. . marke And yef eny man' can' espie ham with eny suche defaute and <12> present hit to the mayre or to Shereff' he shall' haue xijd. for his labouris as oftyn' as <13> he doth so etc :  
 5. <14> Item that no Baker forstall' no maner corne comynge to the market warde vpon the peyne <15> of vj.s. viij d. as oftyn' as he doth so etc :



6. <16> Item that Brewers make gode ale and sety and that thei holde the assise and that thei selle <17> a galon' of newe ale of the beste in the keve for a peny and noon other wyse and ij galons <18> of Small' ale for a peny and noon other wyse and that the secunde ale be halfe so gode <19> as the gode ale vpon' peyne of the fyrste defaunte xl d. and the secunde defaunte vj s viij d. <20> and the thyrde defaute .xl s. And yef eny housholder by hym selfe or hys seruantis can <21> prove a fore the Mayre and the Sheryff' or one of ham that the secunde ale is nat halfe <22> so gode as the gode ale that thei so grevid' shall' haue ther money a yen' and the bruers to <23> lese the forseyd' peyne.
7. <24> Item that no Bruer selle noon ale in Tapry or in retail' lasse then he haue assyne atte his <25> dore and aftyr that he hath' ynne his sign that he retail' no more ale vpon' peyne of euery <26> tyme di. Mark'
8. <27> Item that euery howsholder of the seide towne of Bristowe that feccheth' ale in eny bruers' house <28> that thei ordeyn' ham that euery man' that will' have a dossyn' of ale that he haue a vessell' <29> of a dossyn' A vessell' of di. dossyn' And a vessell' of iiij galons I seled' and pynnes <30> made ther to, to proue hit And that noon ale be bore frome the Brewer but in suche vessellis <31> aboute specified' vpon' peyne of forfeiture of the ale And that euery man' haue his stondes I <32> made and seled' be twene this and Alle halwyn' tyde for her owne a vaill' And the Seler <33> shall' seell' her stondes withoute eny money takyng etc.
9. <34> Item that euery Bruer have a place levell' at his dore and that euery man' that feccheth' any<sup>1</sup> <35> ale that he preve hit apon' the same levell' place whethir he haue his mesure or no <36> yf him lyst And in cace that he lakke his mesure that he warne the Brewer or his seruantis

[Folio  
XXII b.]

- <1> to yeue his full' mesure and yef he will' nat, lete the persone that fyndeth' hym so grevid calle eny <2> persone that is nygh' hym to witnesse that he will' nat fille his mesure and he that bereth' <3> witnesse and testifieth hit shall' haue for his laboure iiij d.
10. <4> Item that euery Brewer in the maner and fourme a boueseyde in the place that is so I levelyd <5> do her parte so that no defaute be fownde in ham at her dore that then' the seide Brewers' <6> herafterward' be no thinge apechid nor grevyd but playnly be discharged' therof.

<sup>1</sup> any, repeated.



11. <7> Item that no Brewer vse to mete his ale but oonly by a Mesure therof vsed and ordeyned <8> by the Mayre and Commune Councell' the which' hath' ben' vsed by tyme oute of mynde vpon <9> payne of xls. at<sup>1</sup> euery defaute withoute eny foryeuenesse.
12. <10> Item that no Tapster haue noon ale fro no Brewers howse vn to the tyme that the <11> howsholders and the pore poeple be serued' vppon payne of euery tyme xl d. withoute <12> any foryeuenesse.
13. <13> Item that no maner of Brewers deliuer noon ale oute of her houses fro<sup>2</sup> hens to Candelmasse <14> a fore fyve of the belle and fro Candelmase forthe but only be day vpon payne of euery <15> tyme above seide xl d.
14. <16> Item that no brewer forstall' no maner corne comynge to Market vpon' payne of xl s. And <17> yef any suche forstallinge be hadde he that will' come and certifie ther Meyre therof he <18> shall haue for his laboure .xij d. so that he telle the Maire to what place the seide <19> corne cometh' to.
15. <20> Item that alle maner Tapsters that Selleth' ale that they haue a signe called' an Alestake <21> owte and that thei selle ale by Mesure Seled' and not by Cuppes that is to say the <22> Thriddendele for a.ob. And in noon other wyse vpon the payne at euery tyme that <23> they don' the Contrary. xl d.
16. <24> Item that no Tapster resseyue none Ale in to her howse of no Brewer but in a Stonde <25> that is Seled vpon' the payne of xl d. and forfeiting of the same Ale.
17. <26> Item that no Tapster<sup>3</sup> of this towne aftyr that they have take Inne <27> ther Ale Stake or sign' that thei selle no more Ale vpon payne of euery tyme di. marc' <28> in to tyme that thei sette owte ther Sign' ayen.
18. <29> Item that no maner Tapster ne Taverner holde no men' sitting in ther Tavernes aftyr <30> Corfew ronge at Seynt Nicholas vpon the payne of .xl d. And that thei shutte <31> ther Dores at the same owre vpon the same payne.
19. <32> Item that no Baker nother Brewer nother noon other maner vitayler by no Corne in the <33> Market a fore .xij of the belle vpon' payne of forfeiture of the same Corne <34> nother that thei ne no man' ellys bye no Corne comynge to the Market in to the

<sup>1</sup> and, *struck through*; at, *interlined*.

<sup>2</sup> her, *struck through*.

<sup>3</sup> resseyue noon', *struck through*.



tyme <35> that hit be pyght' in the Market vpon peyne aboueseide at euery tyme that they <36> Doth' the Contrary

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20. <1> Item that no man' put no Corne in howse fro Market to Market to selle hit<sup>1</sup> <2> derrer' vpon' peyne of forfeiture of the same Corne And he that resseyueth' the <3> same Corne to make fyne at di. marc'
21. <4> Item that noon estraunger that is vnknowe byde in towne passing' .iiij dayes lesse <5> then' he fynde suerte of his gode beryng' vpon' peyne of Imprisonment and to make fyne.  
<6> Item that no maner man' harbogh' no suche estraunger aboue .iiij dayes lesse then' <7> he fynde suretee of his gode berynge vpon' peyne of <sup>2</sup>di. marc' <8> for ynne cace that the same estraunger do offende or hurte eny persone aftyr <9> the seide .iiij. dayes the seide hoste shall' satisfye the partie hurted' of his <10> Damages
23. <11> Item that no Fysshher bygge no Fresshe Fysshhe comyng' to towne in to the tyme <12> hit be pight' at the Kynges Shamelys vpon the peyne of xl d. atte euery tyme they <13> done the Contrary.
24. <14> Item that alle maner Fysshers that bringeth' eny Fyssh' to the Kynges Shamelx that <15> hit be sold' in the same Shamelx and that euery Fysshher take to ham aman' [*sic*] to helpe <16> hem yef hem luste And that no Fysshher sell no pot Fysshhe to no Fysshher for to <17> haue hit home to his owne house but that hit be Solde in the same Shamelx vpon' the peyne at euery tyme vj s. viij d.
25. <18> Item that alle maner men' that bringeth' eny Fressh' Samon' to towne that they haue <19> a borde in the high' Strete and Selle the saide Samon' ham Selfe And Also to <20> kutte a parcell' therof to hem that woll' haue hit And that no man' bringe no <21> Samon' to towne that is keper or ellys vnholysom for man' is bodi vpon peyne of <22> forfeiture of the same and to make fyne
26. <23> Item that alle maner Coliers that bringeth' colys to towne be war fro this<sup>3</sup> day for-<24>-ward' that euery sak be of iiij. bosshelles by hepe vpon' peyne of forfeiture of the same <25> Cole and the sakkes to be brent
27. <26> Item that no maner man' go be night' aftyr Corfewe yronge

<sup>1</sup> hitte, with the final te struck through.

<sup>2</sup> Imprisonment, struck through.

<sup>3</sup> dai, repeated.



at Seynt Nicholas <27> but he haue light' in his honde brennyng  
vpon' peyne of imprisonment

28. <28> Item that alle they that bryngeth Fyrses Gostes Stawe  
Coles or wood' to towne by <29> londe for to sille that they tary  
nat there within the high' stretes but that they pyght' <30> in<sup>1</sup>  
Seynt petres Strete or Wynchestrete or in Seynt Thomas strete  
and in noon other <31> place vpon' the peyne of euery tyme that  
thei doth' the Contrarye. . . . . iiij d.  
29. <32> Item that no man' holde no grete Dogges oute of Cheyne  
upon' the peyne of xl d.

- [Folio 23b] 30. <1> Item that no man'<sup>2</sup> ocupie no grounde vpon' the Key nother  
burgeise ne estraunger nother <2> the bakke ne noon of the  
commune grounde with' tymbre lastage or eny other thinge  
vpon' the peyne of <3> forfeiture of the same withoute Apoyntment  
of the Baylyfes  
31. <4> Item that [no] maner man' Appester' the Shippes at the Keye  
ne the bakke with' no maner thinge vpon' <5> peyne of a Noble  
32. <6> Item that no Burgeys ocupie<sup>3</sup> the sayde places passing vij  
dayes vpon' the peyne of <7> forfeiture of the same  
<8> Item that no Coke caste no stynkyng' water in the high'  
Strete in<sup>4</sup> peyne of xl d. at euery <9> tyme thei don' the  
contary  
34. <10> Item no maner man' caste no vryne ne Stynkyng' water ne  
noon other felthe oute at ther wyn-<11>-dowes or<sup>5</sup> dores in the  
Stretes vpon' peyne of xl d. be night' ne be day  
35. <12> Item that no man' ocupie the commune Stretys or the lanes  
of the towne with no robell' <13> dyng nor timbre vpon' peyne  
of xl d.  
36. <14> Item that no Coke Selle no rechaufed' Flesshe ne no mysell'  
Porke vpon' the peyne <15> of di. mark' at euery tyme thei doon'  
the Contrary  
37. <16> Item that no maner man' caste no maner Dyngne ne robell'  
at the key ne at the bakke ne in <17> no place of the towne but  
oonly in the Mersh' and at the keye at the places assigned'  
therfore <18> vpon' the peyne of xl d.

<sup>1</sup> the, *struck through*.

<sup>2</sup> Holde, *struck through*.

<sup>3</sup> Ocupie, *repeated*.

<sup>4</sup> in, *interlined*.

<sup>5</sup> dais, *struck through*.



38. <19> Item that no lepre dwelle within this towne but to dwelle in Bryght' Bowe vpon' the <20> peyne of imprisonment
39. <21> Item that [no] man' stonde in the high' strete with' no stalle ne Stoles Selling' eny maner chaffar' <22> withoute leve of the Baylyfs vpon' peyne of xl d.
40. <23> Item that all wymen' that sellen' Fyssh that thei stonde vpon' the bakke and in noon other <24> places vpon' peyne of xl d.
41. <25> Item that no Coke ne noon other vitayler regrate no maner pullayle ne wildefowle comynge <26> to market ne no maner of Fresshe Fyssh in to tyme the communes be serued' vpon' peyne of xl d. <27> at euery tyme thei doon the contrary
42. <28> Item that euery man' make Clene the Strete a fore his dwelling' vpon the peyne of xij d.
43. <29> Item that no comyn' woman' come within the town' but abide stille at the barres and <30> that they were a ray hood' vpon peyne of imprisonment in to tyme they haue made a fyne
44. <31> Item that all' maner men' and wymen' that cometh' to towne with' horses or Mares that <32> thei put ham in hostryes and suffre ham nat to go a large vpon' peyne of lesyng' of her brydellis <33> and halters'
45. <34> Item that no maner estraunger bere no too hondswerdis ne gleythe ne Sverd' ne bokelere <35> within the town' but leve ham
46. <36> Item that no maner man' bye no maner corne comynge to Market to cary ouer the See vpon' peyne <37> of forfeiture of the same

- Folio 24,*  
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47. <1> Item that no Maister of eny Ship comyng to the Porte of Bristowe discharge no gode <2> ne breke no bulke to the tyme that he haue shewed' to the Bailifes of the same towne <3> vpon' peyne of .xx s.
48. <4> Item that no Mayster Abale no Ship with' eny estraungers godes in to the tyme <5> that he axe leue of the Bailyfs' vpon' peyne of . . . . . xx s.
49. <6> Item that no Whitawer' of the towne of Bristowe bye noon' Egges within <7> X Mile abowte the same towne but for his owne Mete vpon' peyne of di. mark' at euery <8> tyme that he doth' the contrarie
50. <9> Item that no boucher Selle no meselle porke nothur stalle no maner swyne ne kylle no beste<sup>1</sup> in the <10> Shamelx but only a

<sup>1</sup> ne kylle no beste, *interlined*.



- boue the Kynges Shamelx in places ordeined' therfore and <sup>1</sup>of olde tyme vsed and accostumed<sup>1</sup> vpon the <11> peyne of euery tyme that thei doth' the contrary . xld.
51. <12> Item that no Boucher Slee no Bole in to tyme that he haue be baited' in the Merssh iij <13> courses vpon' peyn' of forfeiture of the hyde
52. <14> Item that alle Bouchers estraungers that bringeth' eny flessch' to towne that thei brynge <15> the hides and the Skynnes with' ham vpon peyne of . xld.
53. <16> Item that no maner osteler<sup>2</sup> of the towne abouesaide bake no horsebrede <17> within her Ostryes nother bye no brede but that is made of Benes and Otes and <18> in noon' other maner vpon' peyne of di. Marc' at euery tyme thei doon' the contrarye
54. <19> Item that euery hosteler aboue saide make his botelx [*sic*] of hey of the wighte' of vj lb. <20> and euery suche hosteler haue a balanx and a weyghte' of vj lb. hongyng in the <21> Ostrie in open' place that the hostes that cometh' to the hostrie may see that ther botelx <22> of hey be of full' weight' of vj lb. vpon' peyne at euery tyme thei don' the <23> contrary xld.
55. <24> Item that the saide Ostelers Selle noon' Otes' derrer the iiij d. j bussh' ij d. di. Bussh' <25> jd a pekk'.
56. <26> Item that [no] maner man' haue no Swyne ne dokes goyng a large in the towne vpon' peyne <27> of the firste defaute . vj d. the secunde xij d. At the thridde defaute the saide Swyne <28> or dokes to be forfeited' And yeve to the prisoners of Monkebrigge.
57. <29> Item that alle they that bryngeth eny yern' to towne to Selle that they Selle the yern' at <30> Stallage crosse.
58. <31> Item that this Fysshmongers that byeth Salte Fysshe that thei telle no suche fysshe <32> in Wynter but only for to be<sup>3</sup> gynne to<sup>4</sup> telle at viij of the belle A fore noon' <33> And So to . xj And then' to Cese And so to be gynne Ayenste ij aftyr none <34> And So to telle vn to .iiij. And in Somer at .vj. A fore none And so telle vn to .xj. And <35> then' to be gynne ayen' at ij and so telle to .v. aftyr none vpon' peyne at euery tyme' <36> that thei doth the contarie . xls, withoute that thei haue licence of the Mayre

<sup>1-1</sup> *interlined.*

<sup>2</sup> *abouesaide, struck through.*

<sup>3</sup> *be, interlined.*

<sup>4</sup> *Selle, struck through.*



- [Folio 24 b.] <1> Item that no Sergeaunt nother Constable of this towne  
 59. arreste no man' nother Woman <2> but that anon' aftyr any  
 suche persone arrested' that he go to entry of his playnte a fore  
 the Mayre <3> or a fore the towne Clerke other a fore the stiward'  
 And no Sergeaunt nothur Constable brynge <4> no suche maner  
 persone in warde yef that the saide persones may fynde suerte to  
 come to ther Answer <5> And also that the saide Officers go with'  
 the saide persones so arrested to gete ham suerte <6> takyng for  
 her laboure And that no suche Officer concele no suche arreste ne  
 make no privy <7> fynes with' any suche persones so arrested  
 vpon peyne at euery tyme that the doth the <8> Contrary xx s.  
 And emprisonament of her bodyes withoute eny for yevenesse  
 60. <9> Item that alle maner men' and women' of this towne that  
 taketh' owte wolles to Kembe <10> Carde or Spynne that thei  
 deliuer hit owte by weyghtes' according to the Standard'  
 <11> Selyd' that is to Say by the Spynnyng lb. weyenge .ij.  
 wexpounde and half' and <12> in noon' other wyse vpon' peyne  
 of Forfeture of the wolles and to make fyne etc.  
 61. <13> Item that alle Tauerners and other that Selle wyne that  
 they haue ther pottes that is to <14> sey galon' potell' quarte  
 Pynte halfe pynte and peny potte Asselid' according to <15> the  
 Standard' Selid<sup>1</sup> and that euery of the saide pottes be marked  
 with' <16> oute aftyr the pryce that they Selle vpon' peyne of  
 Forfetur' of the same pottes and <17> to make fyne etc :  
 62. <17> Item that no Tauerner ne Tapster of this towne fro this  
 day forward' holde no baste <18> dore opyn' vpon' the Sondag  
 in to tyme the masse be Sacred' at Seynt Nicholas Church  
 <19> and also that no suche Tauerner ne Tapster haue no maner  
 of Folke sittynge in ther <20> Tauernes<sup>2</sup> or Taphouses the Sondag  
 afore the same owre in lesse <21> then' hit be estraunger vpon  
 peyne of .xl s. at euery tyme that thei doth' the <22> Contrary  
 And what Constable or eny other persone that will' enfourme  
 the Mayre <23> of eny Tauerner or Tapster that doth' the  
 Contrary he shall' haue - xijd. <24> for his laboure etc :  
 63. <25> Item hit is ordeined' bi the Advys of the Maire Shereff' and  
 alle the Commune Coun- <26> cell of the towne of Bristowe that  
 alle maner of Crafteholders with' in the towne <27> and Shire  
 of Bristowe that haue halles and places to Commune Inne of  
 suche <28> defaultes and necessities that apperteynyn' and

<sup>1</sup> that is to say, *struck through*.

<sup>2</sup> in ther Tavernes, *repeated*.



longyn' to thair craftis that the <29> saide Crafteholderis ne noon' of thaim suffre no man' called Iourneyman' in their <30> Craftys nother noon' of thair seruautis ne apprentice to commune with' thaim in har <31> halles of any thing doon' with'oute speciall licence of the Maisters<sup>1</sup> <32> of the saide Craftys, but that the saide Maysters and Crafte holders shulde to gedyr <33> in thair halles and places haue thair Communicacion and noon' other persone with' <34> tham withoute leve as hit is forsaide

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64. <1> Also the saide Maire and Sherreff' comaundyn' in the Kynges behalue that what <2> Iourneyman' seruaut or Apprentice that presumeth' or entreth' any suche halles or places <3> withoute speciall' licence of the Maisters of the craftis, the saide Iourneymen' <4> seruantis and Apprentice and euery of them to be presented' bi the Maisters of the <5> crafte to the Maire and Sherreff' for the tyme beyng and thervpon' the saide <6> Iourneymen' seruantis and Apprentice and euery of them to be arrested' and sende <7> to oure soueraine lorde Kynge and His Councell' as a riotter and a conuenticler <8> a yenste the Kynges pees and his lawes.
- 65 <9> And what Maisters of Craftes as ferre as in ham and euery of ham is that <10> kepeth' and obserueth' not, these comaundementis And suche Iourneymen' seruantis <11> and Apprentices presenteth' not to the Maire for the tyme beyng but ther defaultis <12> and riottis conceleth' or hideth' the saide Maisters of craftis and euery of theim <13> to stande in as grete Iebard' and comtempte in the lawe as the saide seruantis <14> Iourneymen' and Apprentices sholde yef the saide Iourneymen' seruantis <15> and apprentices were taken' and therof conuicte and Atteint'.

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[Folio 26,  
marked XXV.]

Ordinaciones  
De Smythis  
Ferrours  
Cotillers and  
lokyers tempore  
Ricardi Hatter  
Maioris et  
Philipi Mede  
vicecomitis

<1> To the Right' Worschupfull' and Reuerent the Maire Scheryf'  
<2> and Baillifes of the Towne of Bristowe And alle the Notabill'  
<3> persons of the Commyn Councell' of the seide Towne Mekely  
<4> bysechith' vn to youre grete wysdomes and discessions  
your' Burgeyses <5> Artificers of the Craftis of Ferrours Smythes  
Cotelers and lokyers of the <6> Towne of Bristowe. For asmoche  
as often' tymes Dyuers persones of The <7> seide Craftis and  
Mistiers withynne the seide Towne aswell' Foreynes <8> as

<sup>1</sup> of the Maysters, repeated.



Deynszens. For defawt of goode Serche and surveying to be doon' and <9> made In the seide Craftis Worchyn' Disseytfully vntrewly and Insufficiently <10> their' Craftis In thair' wirkyng. And Dyuers In' the same Craftis <11> been not Sufficiently learnyd. Whereby Dyuers of the Kynges liege <12> people<sup>1</sup> as for the gode Rewle and Governawnce to be had in the Seide <13> Craftis to graunt vn to the seide Artificers The Ordynaunces and articles <14> that Folowen' And thaym' to be Enactyd and Enrollyd' In' the Yelde <15> halle In' maner' and Fourme as other Ordynaunces of Craftis So <16> been' enrolled'

<17> These been the Ordenaunces and the Establysshmentis y made ordeyned' <18> enactid and to be enrollyd In the yeld' halle of the Towne of Bristow <19> by the Right' Worthy and Reuerent Sirs Richard' Hatter Maire Philipp' <20> Mede Shireff' And by the right' wysze and discrete Councell' of the seide <21> Towne of Bristowe As for the Artificers And Craftismen' of the craftis <22> and Mistiers of Ferroures Smythes Cotillers and lokyers In' the yere of <23> the Reigne of Kyng Henry the vj<sup>th</sup> the xxxiiij<sup>th</sup>

<24> In primis hit is Ordeyned' and establisshed' that No maner person' of the seide <25> iiij. Craftis and Mystiers schall' vse nor werk thair' Crafte nor Mistier' <26> In' halles Chambres or other Secrete places ne Schoppes as Burgeys of the <27> Towne vn to the tyme he be presentid vn to the Maire and Resceyve there his

<28> Othe aftir the Fourme of A Burgeys

<29> Item that no Smyth' callid a Rowgh'smyth' of the Towne of Bristowe Ne <30> Noone of thair' seruauntis Ne no maner Estrawngier' beer' no maner Iron' <31> ware In' thair' Armes to Sylle In' any Streetis or Places with'ynne the <32> seide Towne or Suburbs of the same or eny otherwyse or maner Prevy <33> or Appert. But that they haue An Opy'n Place be Syde the high' Crosse <34> of the seide Towne of Bristowe Or In thair' howsis opynlycch' and noone other <35> place vppon' payne to pay to the vse of the Comunyaite of Bristowe <36> xx.d. And the Contribucions of the seide Craft. xx.d. without eny pardon'

<sup>1</sup> Something seems to have been omitted here.



[*Folio 26 b.*] <37> Item that Alle Estrawngiers that Cometh to the seide Towne with' Eny

<1> penyworth' I Clepyd' Smyth'ware to Sylle that they stonde In' Opy'n' <2> place besydes the high' Crosse there So that defawtes zif eny be In' succh <3> Smyth'ware may be Seyn' by the Maisters of the seide Craftis and mystiers <4> vppon' payne of .ij.s. halff' to the vse of the Comunialte And half' to The <5> Contribucion' of the seide Craftis By Oversyght' of the Seide Maire for the <6> Tyme beyng

<7> Item hit is Ordeyned' that No maner Artificer nor Craftysman Of The <8> foreseiden' Craftis and Mystiers Occupy no seruawnt In their' seide Craftis <9> and Mistiers but he be or haue been' Covenawnt seruauant a hoole yere or <10> halff' atte the leest withoute Resonable Cause vppon payne of .ij. s. To <11> be devyded in Fourme foreseide

<12> Item that no Maister of the seiden' Craftis and Mistiers occupye no seruauant <13> in Covenant or Reteigned' in his Terme by twene theym' accorded Nor <14> eny of thayme fro other' thair' seruauantis eloygne ne Allock or with'drawe <15> Fro theire servyce. And zif Such defawte In' eny of theym' be previd' <16> and presentyd by the seide Maisters That they that so be Fownd' yn' defawt <17> to be amercid in xl.d. To be employed' and devidid' in maner' and fourme <18> Aboveseid'

<19> Item for the keypyng and goode Contynuaunce of the seide Ordynaunces And <20> Execucion' of theym to be doon' .iiij. Maisters of the seide Craftis and mysteries <21> myght' be yerely Chosyn' by theyre Commyn Assent and presentid' vn to The <22> Maire by the Maisters of the seide Craftis and Mistiers that were In' the yere <23> next be Fore past with'yn' .xv. dayes aftir the Fest of Seynt Michell' and <24> there to be Sworn vppon' a Booke truly to survey and make serche of The <25> defawtys doon' In' the seide Craftis and Misteries for that yere And alle <26> defawtys by thayme Fownden' truly to present In to the Court by Fore <27> the Maire and Schiriff' with'out eny [foryevenesse]



⟨28⟩ Item that alle persones of the seide Craftis and mysteries schall' atte al tymes ⟨29⟩ convenable by dew monycions And Summons to thaym' by the seide iiij. ⟨30⟩ Maisters or eny of thaym' I made Schall' Come' and appere att the hall' ⟨31⟩ and place accustomed' for the seide Craft To Commyn of Succh' thynges ⟨32⟩ as schall' be thought' goode and honest And what Personne be obstynat and ⟨33⟩ dysobeyeth' these Articles to lesze att euery Defaute xij d. To be ⟨34⟩ devidyd in maner and fourme forseide.

⟨35⟩ Et postquam omnes et singuli Ordinationes et Articuli Suprascripti

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⟨1⟩ prelecti fuerant ibidem Coram dictis Maiore Vicecomite et Balliuis ⟨2⟩ Ac probis hominibus Ad Supplicacionem dictorum supplicancium visum fuerat et conside-⟨3⟩-ratum quod eedem Ordinationes omnes et singule vtilis erant tam Pro ⟨4⟩ Communitate dicte ville quam Arcium et Misterarum predictarum. eas ex eorum Communi assensu ⟨5⟩ et concensu ratificarunt et confirmarunt quantum in eis fuerat Et in super ⟨6⟩ Ordinarunt quod Supplicantes predicti Nomine omnium et singulorum Artis [*sic*] predictae ⟨7⟩ haberent easdem Ordinationes per nos de novo factas et ordinatas vna cum ⟨8⟩ Ordinationibus et Articulis suprascriptis in scriptis redactas et cum Sigillo Communi ⟨9⟩ ville Bristollie Communitatis et in Rubio Papiro eiusdem ville inter ordinationes ⟨10⟩ aliorum [*sic*] Arcium irrotulatas easdem Ordinationes alias audire confluentibus ⟨11⟩ apparere poterint de recordo Reseruatis semper eisdem Maiori vicecomiti Balliuis ⟨12⟩ ac probis hominibus et eorum successoribus plena auctoritate et potestate Predictas ⟨13⟩ Ordinationes vel aliquam vel aliquas eorundem [*sic*] reuocare adnichillare Aug-⟨14⟩-mentare de nouo facere aut diminuere quociens et quandocumque Prefatis ⟨15⟩ Maiori vicecomiti Balliuis et probis hominibus et eorum successoribus expediri videbitur pro ⟨16⟩ Communi vtilitate honore et gubernacione Communitatis predictae In cuius rei testimonium ⟨17⟩ Sigillum nostrum Commune dicte ville Bristollie presentibus est appensum Dat' ⟨18⟩ in Guyhaldia Bristollie vicesimo quarto die Augusti Anno regni Regis ⟨19⟩ Henrici Sexti post Conquestum Tricesimo tercio.



ORDINACIONES STABILITE TEMPORE WILLELMI  
SPENCER MAIORIS ANNO REGNI REGIS EDWARDI IIIIth  
POST CONQUESTUM XIX<sup>o</sup> [1479]

[Folio 27 b.]

BOWYERS  
AND  
FLECCHERS

⟨1⟩ TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFULL' William Spencer Maire of the ⟨2⟩ Toune of Bristowe Iohn' Skreven' Shreef And to the commen<sup>1</sup> Counsaile of the ⟨3⟩ saide worshipfull' Towne SHEWITH Right' humbly vnto youre good ⟨4⟩ Maistirships' youre Comburgeises of the hole Craffte of Bowyers and Flechers ⟨5⟩ of this worshipfull' Towne How that they nor their Predecessours of the ⟨6⟩ same Occupacioun' in tymes past were neuer admytted ner takin for a Crafte ⟨7⟩ to go Assemble and accompanye as othir Crafftis haue and ought' to do to ⟨8⟩ the worship' of this Towne. That it may please youre good maistirships' to ⟨9⟩ admytte reputie and take them' and their Successours as comburgeisez of a ⟨10⟩ Craffte corporate ought' to be admyttid and taken'. Grauntinge them' and ⟨11⟩ their Successours vnder the commen seale of this worshipfull' Toune for evirmore ⟨12⟩ to contynue and endure to haue as large and Ample libertees as the crafft ⟨13⟩ of Hopers<sup>3</sup> in this worshipfull' Toune haue goinge Accompanyeng and ⟨14⟩ assemblyng with' them' and they with' vs in alle maner of waches and wardes ⟨15⟩ yevinge and yeldinge as they donne. This at the Reuerence of god and in ⟨16⟩ wey of Charitee And they shall' pray to god for youre prosperous contynuanee ⟨17⟩ long to endure. WHICHE Supplicacioun' by the saide Maire Shreef and ⟨18⟩ commen Counsaile considerid Resonable. Trustinge the saide Bowyers and ⟨19⟩ flechers hereafter to Kepe and contynue in good and honnest Rule with the ⟨20⟩ saide hoppers And to be Contrybutories in alle ordenary charges with' the saide ⟨21⟩ hoopers accordinge their forsaide Peticioun' Haue grauntid them' thise Arti-⟨22⟩cles folouyng yerely to be duely obserued and executid' for the bettir Rule of the ⟨23⟩ saide Craffte and commen wele of alle this towne.

⟨24⟩ FURST it is Ordeignid and Assentid that two<sup>4</sup> Able persones of the saide Craft ⟨25⟩ of Bowyers and flechers be chosin bi

<sup>1</sup> In the record this word is contracted *coen*'.

<sup>2</sup> 1, *interlined*.

<sup>3</sup> See Introduction, *supra*, p. 29, and *L.R.B.*, ii, pp. 159 *sqq.*

<sup>4</sup> The ordinances of the Hoopers provide for the election of four persons, two maistirs and governours<sup>7</sup>, and two wardens.



commen Assent of al the Maistirs of the saide <26> Craffte or the more parte of them euery yere the morowe after the feste of Seint <27> Michell' as two wardenis of the saide Craffte and theire Names to be presentid <28> and they sworne vpon a boke tofore the Maire of Bristowe for the tyme <29> beinge within xv daies nexst after the saide feste yerely in pleyne Courte hol- <30> dyn in the Guildehalle of Bristowe to Serche and survey duly and truely <31> of al maner of Trespasses and defautes that shalbe doon' by anny man' <32> of the same Craffte within the saide towne and suburbes . And if enny trespas <33> or defaute be founde or doon' by anny man' of the saide Craffte Burgeis <34> or other within the Fraunchise of the Saide Towne That then' alle suche <35> trespasses and defautes to be correctid and amendid' by the discrecioun' of the <36> Maire of Bristowe and the two wardenis that shalbe for the tyme AFTER <37> the Tenoure and effecte of thise present Articles .

<38> Item it is ordeignid and assentid that if enny man' of the saide Craffte despise <39> or Revile enny of the saide two wardenis beinge for the tyme for enny thinge <40> that they doith or shal do in execucioun' of the saide Ordynaunces And that <41> duely provid to fore the Maire for the tyme beyng shall' pay as oftintymes <42> as he doith it iijs. iiijd. that is to say that one half to the Chambre <43> of the saide Towne and that other half to the contribucioun of the saide Crafte

*Folio 28,  
marked  
XXVII.*

<1> Item it is Ordeignid and assentid that no man' of the saide Craffte <2> within the fraunchise of the saide Towne take ne receyve no maner off <3> Apprentice lasse then' for the terme of vij yere at the leste so that he may be <4> Sufficient and able in konnyng of the saide Craffte at the ende of his <5> terme foresaide And that he be no Rebelle of Irelande nor Alyen' But <6> liegeman' boren' to the Kyng oure souueraign' lorde And whate man' of the <7> same Craffte do the Contrary of this and therof conuicted to fore the <8> Maire beinge for the tyme shal pay xxs. That is to Say that oon' <9> half to the Chambre of the Towne and that other half to the contry- <10> bucioun' of the same Crafte.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Hoopers' ordinances add a provision for the immediate dismissal of all Irish servants and aliens on pain of 100s.



<11> Item it is Ordeignid And assentid that yef Anny man' of the saide Craffte <12> procure or perloigne take or lede away Anny man' is seruante or Apprentice of the saide <13> Craffte in Anny wise within the terme of the seruice of the saide seruante or <14> Apprentice And therof duely conuictid' tofore the Maire beinge for the tyme shal <15> pay vjs. viiijd. That is to say that one half to the Chambre of the towne <16> and that other half to the Contrybucion' of the same Craffte.

<17> Item It is Ordeigned and Assentid that euery man' of the saide Craffte within <18> the Fraunchise of Bristowe make and wirche alle maner of stuff of the saide <19> Craffte as Bowes Arowes and other tacles and stuff well' and sufficiently <20> of good able and dry Tymbre and of no grene false ne disseivable tymbre <21> Wherethrugh' the byar therof in Anny wise may be deceyvid or endamma-<22>-ged And yef Anny of the saide Craffte do the Contrary and therof be <23> duely conuictid shall' restore and make Amendys to hym that is so enda-<24>-magid be hit in Bowes or in Arowes by the discrecioun' and Iugement of <25> the Maire of Bristowe and wardenis of the saide Craffte beyng for the <26> tyme And also to pay ijs. iiijd. That is to say xxd. for the Chambre <27> of the Towne and xxd. for the Contribucion' of the saide Craffte

<28> Item it is Ordeignid and assentid that no maner man' of the saide Craffte yeve ne <29> pay to no maner seruante in couenante as for the yere ner to no Iurneyman' wor-<30>-chyng by the weke but his hyre in certain that is to wete a seruante in covenant <31> for the terme of one yere xls. or 'as his maistir and he can' agree.<sup>1</sup> Yef he be <32> an' able werkeman' and a Iurneyman' for his hyre by the weke xijd. and his <33> table withoute enny other yefftis or Rewarde And the holy dayes Abatid and <34> that no suche Iurneyman' be Receiuid to wirche ne occupye the saide Craffte <35> withoute licence of the saide ij wardenis that he may be knowe able and connyng <36> in the saide Craffte And Sufficiently lerned to worche and occupy in the saide <37> Craffte and if enny man' of the saide Craffte do the contrary and be conuictid <38> therof shall' pay vjs. viiijd. That is to say xld. to the Chambre And xld. <39> to the Contrybucion' of the saide Craffte without enny pærdon'

<sup>1-1</sup> Omitted in the ordinances for Hoopers.



⟨40⟩ Item it is Ordeignid and establisshid<sup>1</sup> that no maner of straunger of the saide crafte

[Folio 28 b.] ⟨1⟩ Shall' bringe Anny bowes or Arowes or other Altellary belonginge to the same ⟨2⟩ Crafte vnto this Fraunchise of Bristowe to be put to Sale withoute that the ⟨3⟩ wardenis of the same Crafft for the tyme beyng haue ouersight' of them' that ⟨4⟩ they been' well' truely and Sufficently wrought' and made accordyng to the craffte ⟨5⟩ as they shuld be the saide wardenis takyng of the saide Estraungers A Reso-⟨6⟩-nable Reward' for their laboure and ouersight' therof <sup>2</sup>And also that Alle suche ⟨7⟩ Estraungers be Assigned to vtir their Cheffar in oon' place Assigned and not ⟨8⟩ to hauke their ware aboute the towne to the derogacioun' of the Burgeisez ⟨9⟩ of the same Craffte.<sup>2</sup> And in caas enny straunger presume to do the contrary ⟨10⟩ of this Ordynance he or they that so presumen' shall' pay vjs. viijd. that is to ⟨11⟩ wite iijs. iiijd. to the vse of the Chambre of Bristowe And that other iijs. ⟨12⟩ iiijd. to the Contrybucioun' of the same Craffte withoute enny pardon' <sup>2</sup>As for this ⟨13⟩ Article hit is ordeignid that euery straunger' bringing gode able and sufficient ⟨14⟩ Stuff to towne to sell' shall' take their stondyng to vtir the same stuff at ⟨15⟩ the highe crosse of Bristowe withoute enny hawkyng aboute the Towne<sup>2</sup>

⟨16⟩ Item it is Ordeignid and establisshed by the saide Maire Shreef Baillyf' and comen ⟨17⟩ Counceille that no maner man' be Admyttid ne Acceptid vnto the Fraunchisez and ⟨18⟩ libertees of this present Towne of Bristowe for to be sworn burgeys to occupy the ⟨19⟩ saide Craffte vnto the tyme that they be presentid by the wardeyns of the same ⟨20⟩ Craffte for the tyme beyng before the Mayre that for the tyme shalbe that he ⟨21⟩ or they so presentid be well' and sufficiently lernid And connyng in the saide ⟨22⟩ Craffte to make bowes Arowes and other Artillary perteignyng to the saide Craffte.

⟨23⟩ Item for Asmoche As All Crafftes of the saide Towne haue vsid afore this tyme ⟨24⟩ for to haue their light' Brennyng in feste of Corporis Christi day in the generall' ⟨25⟩ processiou'

<sup>1</sup> 1, *interlined*.

<sup>2-2</sup> Omitted in the ordinances for Hoopers.



in thonnour' of the blissid Sacrament whiche lighte' and other costages <26> may not be Susteyned withoute it be Reysid in commen Among the saide Craffte At <27> her common' Assemble and diuerse persones of the saide Craffte perauenture will' not <28> come' at her commen Assemble for the good spede of the cause afforesaide wherfore <29> it is Ordeignid and Assentid by the saide Mayre Shreef Baillyf' and commen <30> Counceill' Afforsaide that euey Maistir of the saide Craffte holdinge and occupy- <31> eng the saide Crafte within the saide Towne or fraunchise that is warned <32> by the saide ij wardenis or by one of them' to come to her commen Assemble for the <33> spede of the nedes and causes Afforesaide and commyth' not but Absentith' them' and <34> may be witnessid<sup>1</sup> tofore the Maire beinge for the tyme that he is so somned <35> by the saide ij Wardeyns or by one of them' he shalbe Amerciéd in iijs. iiijd. <36> That is to sey xxd. to the Chambre And xxd. to the contrybucoun' of <37> the same Craffte withoute enny pardon'

<38> Provided alwey and alwey Reseruid that it shalbe Lawfull' to the <39> Maire Shreef and the commen Councelle of Bristowe for the tyme beyng At <40> Al tymes to have full' Auctorytee thordynances Abouesaide and iche of them' <41> to Revoke Annull' Augment Newe make and to dymynute when' and As ofte

*Folio 29,  
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XXVIII.*

<1> As It Shall' please them' expedient for thonnour' bettir gouuernaunce and for <2> the commen wele of the saide Towne. In witnes wherof to thise present <3> Ordynances the Prouision' abovesaide alweys Reseruid and kepte we the <4> saide Maire the seale of thoffice of oure Mairaltee haue put to. Yevin <5> in the Guildehall' of Bristowe forsaid the xixth. day of May the yere <6> of the Reign' of Kyng Edward the iiijth. after the conquest the xixth.

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<sup>1</sup> d written over th.



[Folio 29 b.] ORDINACIONES STABILITE TEMPORE WILLELMI  
SPENCER MAIORIS ANNO REGNI REGIS EDWARDI IIII<sup>a</sup>.  
POST CONQUESTUM XIX<sup>o</sup> [1479].

## BREWERS

⟨1⟩ TO OURE RIGHT' WORSHIPFULL' MAISTERS THE  
MAIRE ⟨2⟩ Shireef and comyn' Counsaile of the Toune of  
Bristowe MOOSTE ⟨3⟩ mekely<sup>1</sup> besechen' youre humble  
Comburgeisez the Maistirs and alle ⟨4⟩ the geed [*sic*] householders  
of Bruers within the Toune of Bristowe For Asmoch' ⟨5⟩ As  
grete Inconuenyence daily enseweth' and liken' to ensewe in the  
saide occupa-⟨6⟩-cion' to the vttir vndoyng of alle youre poore  
compleynants because that nowe ⟨7⟩ late within' this iiij or v  
yere Thenhabitaunts of Keynesham' Publowe Chewes ⟨8⟩ Wraxall'  
Tykenham Bartyhundirt and other places adioyneng vnto this  
⟨9⟩ worshipfull' Toune of Bristowe haue enterprised to make  
malte and becommen' ⟨10⟩ grete maltmakers by the whiche they  
ingrosith' and regratith' alle the barliche ⟨11⟩ aboute the  
contreys envyron'. So that no maner of Barliche or lytell'  
commyth' ⟨12⟩ to the market of this toune. And by there saide  
maltemakyng fraudelently ⟨13⟩ made and myxt with' otys and  
other disceits And with the Inordynate sellyng ⟨14⟩ of the same  
they subdewith' and kepith' vnder there subieccion' youre pore  
Com-⟨15⟩-burgeisez foresaide to there grete desolacioun' and  
in<sup>2</sup> derogacioun' of the commen' ⟨16⟩ wele of al this worshipfull'  
Toune. For Reformacion' wherof youre compley-⟨17⟩-nants  
Bisechen' youre maistirships' in wey of charitee to graunte them'  
⟨18⟩ these two Articles folouyng duly to be executid. Trustinge  
in god it shalbe ⟨19⟩ to the commen' wele of this worshipfull'  
Toune. And youre Orators euer bound' ⟨20⟩ to pray god for  
yow. WHICHE Supplicacion' And articles bi the saide ⟨21⟩  
Maire Shereef and commen' Counsaile considerid' resonable  
Trustinge in god ⟨22⟩ the saide Craffte And ocupacion' of Brewers  
within this saide Toune to be ⟨23⟩ hereafter the bettir mayteigned'  
and susteigned' Accordinge to there saide ⟨24⟩ Peticion' haue  
grauntid' them these two articles folouyng duely to be obseruid  
⟨25⟩ and executid hereafter for the better rule of the saide Craffte  
And for the ⟨26⟩ commen' wele of all this Toune.

<sup>1</sup> Sheweth, *struck through*.

<sup>2</sup> in, *interlined*.



⟨27⟩ Furst it is Ordeignid and Assentid that no Brewer of Bristowe ne no ⟨28⟩ person' for him at no tyme after the feste of Seynt Mighell' tharchangle ⟨29⟩ next folouyng the date of these presents byege no maner of malt of no ⟨30⟩ person dwelling nother maltemakynge within ix myle of the toune of ⟨31⟩ Bristowe Vpon peyne of xls. sterlingis to be leweid of euery Brewer as oft tymes ⟨32⟩ As he shalbe conuycete bi due provis And founde defectif in that behalf ⟨33⟩ without eny mitigacion' or pardon'. Of the whiche penaltee that on half ⟨34⟩ to be leweid and payde to the Chambre of the toune And that other half ⟨35⟩ to the sustentacioun' of the saide Craft. And the maisters of the same crafte ⟨36⟩ yerely to be sworne before the maire of Bristowe for to make due serche ⟨37⟩ in and of the saide byeng of malt within the procincte [*sic*] foresaide And the ⟨38⟩ defautes of the same truly to present to the Maire of Bristowe for the tyme beyng

⟨39⟩ Item that it shalbe leefull' to euery maner of person' at al tymes to bryng malt to ⟨40⟩ the market of Bristowe for to selle And that it shalbe leefull' to euery burgeis

*Folio 30,  
marked XXIX.*

⟨1⟩ Of Bristowe to Biege of the saide malt commyng and pichyng in the Toune ⟨2⟩ market foresaide duryng the market season'. And that it shalbe leefull' to euery ⟨3⟩ Bruer of Bristowe After xij at clok smyten' At Seint Nicholas to biege malt ⟨4⟩ in the saide market. Prouided alwey that no brewer of Bristowe ne no person' ⟨5⟩ for hym' At no tyme within the Toune of Bristowe nothir without for dyuers ⟨6⟩ consideracions biege no maner of Otys of no maner person vpon peyne of xls. ⟨7⟩ sterlingis to be leweid of euery Bruer of Bristowe As oft tymes as he shalbe ⟨8⟩ conuycetid' bi due provis And found' defectif in that behalf. whereof ⟨9⟩ that one half to be leweid' And payde to the Chambre of the toune And ⟨10⟩ that other half to the sustentacion of the saide Craffte.

⟨11⟩ PROVIDID ALWEY and alwey Reserued that it shalbe leefull' to the Maire ⟨12⟩ Shreef and commen Counseille of Bristowe for the tyme beyng At al tymes ⟨13⟩ to haue full' Auctoritee these Articles abovesaide and eche of them to Revoke ⟨14⟩ adnull' Augment newe make and dymynewe when' And As oft tymes As it ⟨15⟩ shall' please them' expedient for thonnour' bettir gouernaunce and for the ⟨16⟩ commen wele of the saide Toune. In witnes wherof to this present wryting ⟨17⟩ the



Prouision abouesaide always reseruid and kepte we the saide Maire <18> the seale of thoffice of oure mairaltee haue put to. Yoven' in the Gilddehall' <19> of Bristowe foresaide the xxth day of 'Septembre in the yere <20> of the Reigne of Kyng Edward the fourth' after the conquest the xixth.

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*Folio 31, marked XXX.* ORDINACIONES STABILITE TEMPORE WILLELMI SPENCER MAIORIS ANNO REGNI REGIS EDWARDI III<sup>ti</sup> POST CONQUESTUM XIX<sup>o</sup> [1479].

<1> TO THE RIGHT' WORSHIPFULL' William Spencer TOWKERS Maire <2> of the Towne of Bristowe John' Skreven' Shreeff And to the Commen Counsaile of <3> the saide worshipfull' Towne MOOST MEKELY Bisechin youre humble Comburgeises <4> the Maistirs wardeyns and othirs of the Crafte of Towkers within the towne of Bristowe <5> for as moche as the Commen wele of the saide worshipfull' Towne and contrayes adioynant <6> Restith' on Clothe mak yng trewe gydyng and handelyng of the same whiche euery well' <7> disposid persone delyng with drapery aught trewly for to Manteigne and supporte Ac-<8>-cordinge to the Kynges commaundement and his statutis of olde tyme providid' for the same <9> And specially bi cause it consernyth' in effecte the honour' grounde and substaunce of al cource of <10> Marchaundise whereupon restith' the commen wele of the seide worshipfull' Towne and contrayes <11> Howe be it nowe a daies the more pite is the mak yng and gid yng of al drapery is not Alther <12> trewist ne Manerlokyst<sup>2</sup> handelid' in grete Sklaundir' and vitupery of trewe clothe mak yng <13> Vttrers and adventurers of the same for lak' of Polletyk' surveyeng and the defautes of it <14> not Punesshid ne correctid According to the kynges statutis of olde in that behalfe prouidid' <15> And where as in Kyng Harry the IIIIth. is daies it lykid youre noble honourable predessours <16> to graunte vnto the saide Craffte Dyuers Actes and Ordenances for the trewe ordre of <17> Clothe mak yng. Yet nevir the less youre suppliaunts at this tyme Bisechin youre honorable <18> Maistirships' to admytte and

<sup>1</sup> Decembre, *struck through*.

<sup>2</sup> *i.e.* "correctly" or "properly."



graunte them these Articles folowyng for the more trouthe' <19> of the saide clothe makynge to be hadde in oppression and Rebuke of the shamefull' myshandelyng <20> that Daily is excercised in the same.

<21> FURST where as a grete Defaute is in the Milman that wasshith' not clene theire <22> Clothis ne Aftir the thikkyng of the saide clothis doith' not clene skoure them whiche <23> Causith' clothis to be digony evilsaverid and Putrefied in grete hurte and loste of many <24> clothis bi cause the seide Clothis be not brought' into the Commen Pakkyng place of olde <25> tyme vsid and Accostumed But bryngith' them to the Milman' without the Towne yatis <26> in Suspecious places So that the defautes of the same can not be seyen' bi the Maistirs <27> ne vndirstonde. We Biseche youre Maistirships' that they<sup>1</sup> kepe theire comen pakkyng places of olde tyme <28> Assigned vpon A peyne to be kepte. And that youre wisdoms lymet a peyne vpon the saide <29> Milmen' that wasshith' ne Skowryth' not clene theire Clothis to be surveyed by the <30> Maistirs for the comen wele foresaide.

<31> Item where as of olde tyme bi youre worshipfull' Predessours was graunted in thordenance <32> of the saide Crafte that none of the seide Crafte shulde not Amende the Towkyng of <33> eny clothe wovyn' and towked in the Contray nothir Recke ne pleyte the same vpon peyne <34> of vjs. viijd. to be paide bi euery Towker that Offendith' in the same. And Also now late <35> in tyme of the right' Honourable Maires William Canynges. Phelip' Mede. John' <36> Cogan and othirs commaundid and executed that euery clothe wovyn in the Towne and towked <37> in the Contray the owner of the same pay to fyne vjs. viijd. Biseching youre <38> Maistirships the same rule and Ordenaunce may procede to be cerchid streigned and presentid

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31b.]

<1> Unto youre Maistirships' bi the Maistirs of the saide Crafte where evir thay may be founde <2> with in this Fraunchise And the seide Peynes to be executed for the comen wele of Al this <3> worshipfull' Towne.

<4> Item they biseche youre Maistirships' bi youre grete discrecions to graunte fro this tyme forthe <5> that no man' of Towkers Crafte set vp the occupacion' with in the towne in las than the <6> Maistirs of the seide Crafte present him before

<sup>1</sup> that they, *interlined*.



the Maire for the tyme beyng that he be <7> Able and konnyng in his Crafte truly to serue the Marchants and Al othir' And Also A juste true <8> Man' to deliuer the owners al clothis truly Agayne that commyth vnder his warde. And <9> Also that no foreyn' man' commyng to towne and makyth' him self Burgeis by redempcion' <10> or otherwise peraventure bi Mariage of A Towkers wife or doughtir presumyng vpon him <11> Aftir that he is so Admyttid Burgeis to sette vp Towkyng crafte and is not sufficient that <12> no suche persone be admyttid to set vp the crafte but he be Allowid bi the maistirs of the <13> seide Crafte and bi the same presentid to the Maire for the tyme beeng And to make <14> his fyne of xs. halfe to the Chambre of the towne. And halfe to the seide Crafte. <15> Wherefore we biseche your Maistirships' that these defaultis may be Amendid for the <16> wele and worship' of this worshipfull' Towne And as we of the saide crafte shall' <17> Pray god for youre gode estatys eyur to endure.

<18> Prouided alwey and alwey Reseruid that it shal be leefull' to the Maire Shreef <19> and commen Counseill' of Bristowe for the tyme beyng at altymes to haue full' <20> Auctorite these Articles to foresaide and eche of them to revoke Adnull Augment <21> newe make and dymenewe when and as ofte tymes as it shal please them expedient <22> for thonnoure bettir gouernaunce and for the commen wele of the saide towne

*Folio 32, marked XXXI.* ORDINACIONES STABILITE TEMPORE ROBERTI STRANGE MAIORIS ANNO REGNI REGIS EDWARDI QUINTI POST CONQUESTUM PRIMO

<1> TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFULL' Robert Straunge **SHEREMEN** Maire <2> of the towne of Bristowe John' Estirfield' Shiref of the saide Towne <3> And to the commen Counseille of the same towne. MOSTE MEKELY Bisechin youre <4> humble Comburgeisez the Maistirs and housseholdirs of Shermon Crafte with in <5> the towne of Bristowe for as moche as grete defaultes and disceitis been daily excercisid <6> in the saide Crafte And no pouer' ne Auctorite yevin bi youre Maistirships' vnto theym' for <7> to Survey ne make Serche vpon the saide defaultes for correccion' and Reformacion' of the <8> same, Lak whereof causith grete inconvenience And grete hurtes and harmes to the <9> saide Crafte and to alle Clothe makyng BISECHING therfore youre gode maistirships' <10> for Reformacion' of the premises to graunt



them' vndre youre commen seale these Articles <11> folouyng Trustyng in god it shal in shorte space gretely reforme and Amende the trewe <12> makyng of al draperie with in this worshipfull' Towne to the commen wele of al thenhabitantes <13> of the same . And youre Oratours evir bounde to Pray god for you. WHICHE SUPPLICACION <14> And Articles bi the saide Maire Shiref and commen Counseil considerid resonable trustyng <15> in god the saide Crafte and Occupacion' of Shermons with in the saide Towne to be hereaftir <16> the bettir Manteigned and Susteigned According to theire saide Peticion' haue grauntid them' <17> these Articles folouyng duly to be obserued and executid hereaftir for the bettir Rule of <18> the saide Crafte And for the commen wele of al this towne.

<19> FURST, it is Ordeigned and Assentid that two Able and Honest persones of the saide <20> Crafte of Shermon' be chosen by commen Assent of alle the Maistirs and housseholders of <21> the saide Crafte or the more parte of them' euery yere the Morowe Aftir the day and Fest <22> of Seynt Mighell' as Maistirs of the saide Crafte And theire names to be presentid and <23> they Sworne vpon a boke bfore the Maire of Bristowe for the tyme beeng with in viij <24> daies next Aftir the saide Fest of Seynt Mighell' Truly and duly for to Serche alle <25> the defautes done in the saide Craffte and occupacion' of Shering Barbyng and al othir <26> defautes touching the saide craffte in eny place with in the towne of Bristowe and <27> Suburbes of the same And al suche defautes to presente to the Maire of Bristowe for <28> the tyme beeng. And bi his discrecion and bi the saide ij Maistirs to be correctid reformed <29> and Amendid aftir the Tenour' and effecte of these present Articles.

<30> ITEM that no persone Prentice ne othir set vp Shop of Shermon Crafte with in the towne <31> and procincte of Bristowe til he be Previd and undirstonde Able bi the Maistirs <32> of the saide Crafte and bi them' to be presentid byfore the Maire of Bristowe for the <33> tyme beeng vpon payne of vjs. viijd. that is to sey that one half to the Chambre <34> of the saide Towne. And that othir halfe to the contribucion' of the saide Crafte <35> And that no persone that haue not be prentice vij yere in Bristowe to the saide crafte <36> take vpon him to sett vp<sup>1</sup> Shop and crafte til he make a fyne bi the discrecion' of <37> the Maire that one half to the Chambre of the Towne. And that othir half to the Craffte

<sup>1</sup> Cr, *struck through*.



[Folio 32 b.] <1> ITEM that euery Apprentise of the saide Crafte that hath' been Apprentise with in <2> the towne of Bristowe And Aftir the terme of his Prentiswyke duly seruid wil <3> be admyttid Iournay man' to worche in the saide Crafte shal pay to the vse <4> of the light' of the same Crafte the furst yere ili. of wex And euery yere Aftir <5> iiijd. And euery Stranger that commyth' to towne and wil occupie and worche <6> in the saide Craffte as a Iornay man' above xv daies<sup>1</sup> shall' pay and geve to the vse of the light' of <7> the same Crafte the furst yere ij li. wex And euery yere Aftir iiij d. And that <8> no Maistir ne housseholder of the seide Crafte set no suche Prentise ne stranger <9> aworke vpon payne of xl d. to be leueied that one half to the Chambre of the <10> seide Towne. And that othir half to the contrybucion' of the saide crafte.

<11> ITEM that whate persone of the seide Crafte that of his obstinacie rebuke or Refoile <12> eny of the saide ij Maistirs with eny dessordinat langage or wil not appiere ne <13> come' at the calling of the saide ij Maistirs or one of them' for to Assemble and <14> Comen' for the wele and gode rule of the saide Crafte with out he haue a resonable <15> excuse; shal pay at euery defaute xijd. to be leueied in maner and forme forsaide <16> And that euery persone of the saide Crafte be contributory and pay to the lightis' and <17> othir ordinary Charges of the saide Crafte within vj daies next aftir that he is <18> sett and assessid by the saide Maistirs vpon payne of xijd. to be leueied in maner forsaide

<19> ITEM that no Draperie be caried out of the towne of Bristowe to Bedmyster' <20> Bartynhundirt or ellis where a newist the saide towne to be Shore for a <21> Synguler' availe; but that it may be leefull' to the saide Maistirs for to attache <22> it in going or commyng And the same present vnto the Maire for the tyme beeng <23> to be correctid by his discrecion and bi the saide Maistirs. Providid alwey that <24> it shal be leefull' to euery Burgeis of Bristowe at al tymes to sende his clothes <25> to London' there to be shore and dight' at his pleasir'.

<26> ITEM that no maner of persone of the seide Crafte perloigne entyce withdrawe <27> excite receiue ne occupie no mannys seruauant Apprentice ne Iournay man' fro <28> the seruice of the persone that he is in Couenant with of the saide Crafte vpon payne <29> of vjs. vijd. to be leueied in maner forsaide Ne that no

<sup>1</sup> above xv. daies, *interlined*.



Journey man of <30> the saide Crafte depart fro his Maistir that he wirkith' withal without warnyng <31> of viij daies vpon peyne of ij li. wexe to the light' of the saide Crafte . And if he <32> be not paide of his wagis, then he to compleyne to the maistirs And they for to see <33> that he be paide and content.

*Folio 33,  
marked  
XXXII.*

<1> ITEM that no maner of persone of the saide Crafte fro this day forewardis take ne <2> receiue none Apprentice to the same crafte for lasse terme than vij yere complete And <3> that none suche Apprentice nor Journey man be admyttid to worke in the saide Craffte <4> if he be in eny maner of wise a theeff Prevvy Pyker' A mysse rewlied man' nor <5> bonde man borne nor none that is borne out of the Kynges obbeissaunce vpon <6> peyne to him that receuith' him or occupieth' eny suche xxs. whereof that <7> one half to be leveied to the Chambre of the towne. And that othir halfe to the <8> Contribucion' of the saide Crafte.

<9> PROVIDID Alwey and Alwey Reservid that it shal be leefull to the Maire <10> Shiref and commen Counseile of Bristowe for the tyme beeng at altymes to <11> haue full Auctorite these Articles aforesaide and eche of theym to revoke Adnull' Augment <12> Newe make and dymenewe When and as oft tymes as it shal please theym expedient <13> for the more bettir govirnance And for the commen wele of the saide towne. IN WITTE-<14>-NESSE whereof to this present wryting the provision' abovesaide alweyes reseruid and <15> kepte we the saide Maire Shiref and commen Counseile oure commen seale haue done to be <16> putt. Yevin in the Gildehalle of Bristowe the xiiij<sup>th</sup> day of Jung in the yere of <17> oure lorde god MCCCC lxxxiiij' And in the furst yere of the reigne of oure souuerain lord <18> Kyng Edwarde the Vth.

[*Folio 33 b.*] CHARTER OF FEOFFMENT No. 1.

DATED 14th January, 1541.

PARTIES :—

- a) Thomas Whyte of Bristol, Merchant.
- b) Robert Elyott, Mayor of Bristol, William Chester, Nicholas Thorn', John Smyth', Thomas Harte, Richard Pryn', Francis Cudryngton', William Sprott, William Rowley, William Carr, Thomas Pacy the Younger, Robert Leighton', Thomas Harris, Edward Pryn', Edward Butler, Francis Fowler, John Wynter and Robert Adams.



## PARCELS :—

- a) a messuage with its appurtenances in Laurence Westons marsh in the parish of Henbury called Coldharborowe.
- b) All lands tenements, meadows, pastures, woods, commons, marshes, rents, reversions, services, and their appurtenances, in Lawrence Westons Marsh or elsewhere in the parish of Henbury recently purchased by Thomas White from Nicholas Poyntz, knight.
- c) A messuage known as the Welhouse, and all lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, woods, underwoods, rents, reversions and services situate in Barton Hundred near Bristol, with their appurtenances, recently purchased by Thomas Whyte from Walter Denys, knight.
- d) All Thomas Whyte's messuages, lands, tenements, gardens, shops, cellars, rents, reversions, and services, and all other hereditaments of Thomas Whyte in Bristol and it's suburbs.

## HABENDUM

Feoffees in fee simple upon the conditions expressed in the deed next following.

## WARRANTY Usual provision.

POWER of attorney to deliver seisin granted to Egidius Dodyngton and Simon Hancok.

MEMORANDUM of the livery of seisin by the attornies, of the property outside Bristol on the 17th January, 32 Henry viij, to Nicholas Thorne (one of the above named feoffees) in the presence of Stephen Cole, Robert Southall, Gregory Price, Thomas Wudruff, William Clement, John Drewes, Henry Peyn' and Richard Naylour and diverse others ; and of the Bristol property on the same day to William Chester (another of the above named feoffees) in the presence of Thomas Tasker, clerk, John Hyde, William Glaskeryon', William Jones, Thomas Griffith, William Whytyng and Richard Naylour and diverse others .

DEED of the same date as the previous one, specifying the conditions upon which the feoffees held the premises comprised in the latter.<sup>1</sup>

CONDITIONS That Robert Elyot and his cofeoffees should appoint the Chamberlain of Bristol to receive the rents and profits of the premises and to make thereout the following yearly payments :—

- a) To the four Almshouses of Bristol ten pounds eight

<sup>1</sup> A summary of this deed appears in *Bristol Charities*, vol. i, p. 152.



shillings, divided in equal shares between the poor people of the almshouse known as the "Three Kings of Cullen'," of the almshouse in Lewins Mede, of the almshouse in the parish of Saint John the Baptist, and of the Almshouse known as "The Long Rewe" in the parish of St. Thomas.

- b) For the maintenance of "Alhalou'" pipe, 20/-
- c) For the maintenance of the St. John's pipe, 20/-

New feoffees to be appointed when the old ones should fall below a specified number, and the appointees to be nominated by the Mayor.

CHARTER OF FEOFFMENT No. 2.

DATED 14th January, 1541.

PARTIES :—

- a) Thomas Whyte.
- b) Robert Elyott, mayor of Bristol, William Chester, Nicholas Thorne, John Smyth, Thomas Harte, Richard Pryn, Francis Codryngton, William Spratt, William Rowley, William Carr, Thomas Pacy the Younger, Robert Leightyn', Thomas Harris, Edward Pryn', Edward Butler, John Wynter and Robert Adams.

PARCELS :—

- a) The Manor of Henton (Hinton) in Gloucestershire.
- b) All Thomas Whyte's other lands in Henton and Dyrham.

HABENDUM

To the feoffees in fee simple upon the conditions expressed in an Indenture annexed. (See next entry.)

WARRANTY Usual.

POWER of attorney to deliver seisin granted to John Wyllys and John Sebright.

[Folio 34b.] MEMORANDUM of livery of seisin to Nicholas Thorne, Richard Pryn' and Thomas Pacy, the younger, in the presence of Egidius Dodyngton', Gentleman, Lodowin Robyns, Skinner, Thomas Mutford, William Lawrence, John Moreman', Robert Crew, John Mavott, William Lawrence, the younger, Richard Naylour, Thomas Ap'hous, Agnes Brayne and many others.

INDENTURE CONTAINING THE CONDITIONS ANNEXED TO THE LAST FEOFFMENT.

DATED 14th January, 1541.



CONDITIONS : That the feoffees should nominate and assign the Chamberlain of Bristol for the time being to collect the rents of the property comprised in the charter of Feoffment, and with the same should "yerely discharge, acqyute and saue harmeles alle and euery person and persons agaynst the Maior, Sheriffis and other Officers of Bristowe abouesaid foreuer of Customs Kayage Murage or Tolle" payable to the Mayor, Sheriffs or other officers for all manner of wares or merchandise bought at Bristol from Bristol Burgesses and carried in "trowes, Cobbes or Boots" from the Quay of Bristol up the Severn.

New feoffees to be appointed when the old ones should fall below a specified number and the appointees to be nominated by the Mayor for the time being.

[*Below this entry there appears the following : Require Testamentum predicti Thome Whyte in hoc libro Foliis ccxxxv et ccxxxvi.*]

<i>Folio 35 marked XXXIIJ</i>	INTER RECORDA DE TERMINO SANCTI MICHAELIS ANNO XLVI <sup>to</sup> REGIS EDWARDI TERTII POST CONQUESTUM ROTULO IX <sup>o</sup> 1	<i>Ex parte Remem- oratoris Thesaurarii</i>
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⟨1⟩ MEMORANDUM quod cum Willelmus de Somerwell' Collector omnium reddituum customarum tolnettorum ⟨2⟩ perquisitarum Curie catallorum felonum et fugitiuorum, escaetarum et omnium proficuorum ad villam domini ⟨3⟩ Regis Bristollie pertinentium computauerit inde a festo sancti Michaelis, anno xliiij<sup>to</sup> Regis ⟨4⟩ nunc vsque festum sancti Michaelis anno xlv<sup>to</sup> finiente<sup>2</sup> sicut continetur alibi in hiis Memorandis inter ⟨5⟩ visus compoti de hoc termino<sup>3</sup> et non onerauerit se in eodem compoto de aliquibus proficuis prouenientibus ⟨6⟩ de Wayf et Stray infra libertatem eiusdem ville per tempus predictum ; dictum est pro rege quod ⟨7⟩ idem Willelmus leuauit et leuasse potuit infra dictam libertatem per idem tempus xx. li. ⟨8⟩ Et quod ubi idem Willelmus non oneravit se in eodem compoto de aliquibus finibus pistorum pro ⟨9⟩ iudicio pillorie et clatis euitando idem Willelmus inde respondisse potuit de xx. li. Et quod ⟨10⟩ vbi idem Willelmus

<sup>1</sup> Public Record Office, *Memoranda Roll L.T.R.*, 46 Edward III, under the heading "Recorda Michaelmas ;" m. 9.

<sup>2</sup> finiente, *struck through*.

<sup>3</sup> See under heading "Status et visus" Michaelmas, m. xi of the same roll.



non oneravit se in compoto illo de aliquibus finibus factis pro libertate habenda <11> infra libertatem eiusdem ville Bristollie ; idem Willelmus respondisse potuit de xx. li. Et <12> quod vbi<sup>1</sup> idem Willelmus non oneravit se in compoto illo de bonis et catallis provenientibus de Wrek' infra <13> libertatem predictam idem Willelmus respondisse potuit inde de xl li. Et quod vbi idem Willelmus <14> non oneravit se in eodem compoto nisi de xxj s. iiij d. de catallis felonum et fugitiuorum idem <15> Willelmus respondisse potuit de xx. li. vltra eosdem xxj s. iiij d. <sup>2</sup>Et quod vbi predictus Willelmus <16> oneravit se in <sup>2</sup> compoto illo de xvij li. xix s. j d. <17> de tolnetis infra libertatem predictam idem Willelmus respondisse potuit de x li. vltra eosdem <18> xvij li. xix s. j d. Et quod vbi predictus Willelmus oneravit se in compoto illo de j s. iiij d. <19> de consuetudinibus textorum, pistorum, Sutorum, et regratarum idem Willelmus respondisse potuit de xl s. <20> vltra eosdem j s. iiij d. Et petitur pro domino Rege quod idem Willelmus qui presens est in Curia <21> examinetur inde et respondeat etc, Et predictus Willelmus presens etc : Et super premissis per Barones <22> allocutus dicit quod quo ad hoc quod imponitur ei quod ipse leuauit et leuasse potuit xx li. <23> de proficuis provenientibus de Wayf' et Stray. Et de xj li. de bonis et catallis provenientibus de Wrek idem <24> Willelmus nichil leuauit nec leuasse potuit de aliquibus proficuis provenientibus de Wayf et Stray <25> seu de aliquibus bonis siue catallis provenientibus de Wrek per idem tempus, Et quo ad hoc quod <26> imponitur ei quod ipse respondisse potuit de xx li. de catallis felonum et fugitiuorum vltra <27> xxj s. iiij d. de quibus oneravit se in compoto predicto ; idem Willelmus respondisse non potuit <28> de aliqua pecunie summa de huiusmodi catallis vltra predictos xxj s. iiij d. Et quo ad <29> hoc quod imponitur ei quod ipse respondisse potuit de x li. de tolneto infra libertatem predictam <30> vltra xvij li. xix s. j d. de quibus oneravit se in compoto suo predicto idem Willelmus respondisse <31> non potuit<sup>3</sup> de aliqua peccunie [*sic*]<sup>4</sup> summa de huiusmodi tolneto per idem tempus vltra predictos <32> xvij li. xix s. j d. Et quoad hoc quod inponitur ei quod ipse respondisse potuit de xl s. <33> de consuetudinibus textorum, Pistorum, Sutorum et regratorum

<sup>1</sup> ubi, *interlined*.

<sup>2</sup> Et quod ubi predictus Willelmus onerauerit se in, *repeated and expunged*.

<sup>3</sup> *Memo. Roll* : non respondisse potuit.

<sup>4</sup> *Memo. Roll* : pecunie.



vltra j s. iij d. de quibus oneravit se in <34> compoto suo predicto, idem Willelmus non respondisse potuit de aliqua pecunie summa de huius <35> modi consuetudinibus vltra predictos j s. iij d. Et hec omnia<sup>1</sup> pretendit verificare etc, Ad quod dictum <36> est pro Rege quod prefatus Willelmus leuavit et leuasse potuit xx li. de proficuis prouenientibus de

[Folio 35 b.] <1> Wayf et Stray et de xl li. de bonis et catallis prouenientibus de Wrek, et de xx li. de catallis felonum <2> et fugitiuorum vltra predictos xxj s. iij d. Et de x li. de tolnetis infra libertatem predictam <3> vltra predictos xvij li. xix s. jd, et de xl s. de consuetudinibus textorum pistorum Sutorum et <4> regratorum vltra predictos l s. iij d. sicut ei superius inponitur<sup>2</sup> Et hoc petitur pro domino Rege quod <5> inquiratur etc : Et predictus Willelmus petit similiter, Ideo fiat inde Inquisicio Et preceptum est vicecomiti Glouc' <6> quod venire faciat hic a die sancti Hillarie in xv dies xvij etc : de visneto ville Bristoll' quorum quilibet etc : <7> per quos etc. et qui nulla affinitate etc : ad recognoscendum etc : Et idem dies datus est predicto Willelmo <8> ad audiendum et faciendum quod etc.<sup>3</sup> Et dicit vlterius idem Willelmus quod quoad hoc quod <9> inponitur<sup>4</sup> ei quod ipse respondisse potuit de xx li. de finibus factis pro libertate habenda <10> infra libertatem dicte ville Bristoll' et de xx li. de finibus pistorum pro iudicio pillorie et <11> clatis euitando huiusmodi proficua pertinent ad Maiorem et Balliuos dicte ville Bristoll' <12> et quod ipsi Maior et Balliui huiusmodi proficua sique fuerint leuauerunt et ea habuerunt absque <13> eo quod idem Willelmus aliqua huiusmodi proficua leuavit et habuit aut leuasse et habuisse potuit <14> Et hoc pretendit verificare et Ideo concordatum est quod predicti Maior et Balliui veniant ad osten-<15>-dendum quo titulo clamant habere huiusmodi proficua infra libertatem predictam etc : Et preceptum est dicto <16> vicecomiti quod non omittat propter libertatem predictam quin eam etc : et venire faciat eos hic etc.<sup>5</sup> Ita etc : <17> ad predictam xv<sup>am</sup> ad ostendendum etc : , Et idem dies<sup>6</sup> datus est predicto Willelmo etc : , Ad quem diem <18> predictus Willelmus venit in

<sup>1</sup> omnia, *interlined*.

<sup>2</sup> *Memo. Roll* : imponitur.

<sup>3</sup> *Memo. Roll* : new paragraph.

<sup>4</sup> *Memo. Roll* : imponitur.

<sup>5</sup> *Memo. Roll omits* etc.

<sup>6</sup> dies, *interlined*.



propria persona sua, Et vicecomes non retornauit breuia sua Ideo preceptum est ei <19> sicut alias etc : Ita etc : A die Pasche in xv dies, Et idem dies datus est predicto Willelmo <20> ad audiendum et faciendum quod etc : Ad quem diem predictus Willelmus venit per Walterum Knolles <21> attornatum suum Et predictus vicecomes retornauit breue cum panello de<sup>1</sup> nominibus Iuratorum Et ipsi non veniunt <22> Retornauit eciam idem vicecomes breue quoad predictos Maiorem et balliuos Et mandauit quod Joannes <23> Bath'<sup>2</sup> Maior Thomas Beaupyne et Henricus Viel Balliui dicte ville Bristoll' manucapti sunt etc : <24> Et ipsi non veniunt, Ideo preceptum est eidem vicecomiti quod distringat dictos Iuratores per terras etc : Ita etc : A die sancte Trinitatis <25> in xv dies ad recognoscendum etc : et predictos Maiorem et<sup>3</sup> Balliuos ad ostendendum etc : , Et idem dies<sup>4</sup> datus est predicto <26> Willelmo etc : Ad quem diem predictus Willelmus Somerwell venit per dictum attornatum suum, Et predictus vicecomes <27> retornauit breue, Et mandavit quod tam predicti Iuratores quam predicti Maior et balliui districti sunt Et exitus etc : <28> et ipsi non veniunt Ideo preceptum est eidem vicecomiti sicut alias quod distringat tam predictos Iuratores quam supradictos Maiorem <29> et Balliuos, Ita etc : a die sancti Michaelis in xv dies dictos, videlicet, Iuratores ad recognoscendum etc : Et predictos <30> Maiorem et balliuos ad ostendendum etc : , Et idem dies datus est prefato Willelmo de Somerwell' etc : <31> Ad quem diem predictus Willelmus Somerwell' venit per dictum attornatum suum Et vicecomes non retornauit <32> breuia sua Ideo preceptum est ei sicut pluries Ita etc : a die sancti Martini in xv dies Et idem dies datus <33> est predicto Willelmo de Somerwell' etc : , Ad quem diem predictus Willelmus Somerwell' venit per dictum<sup>5</sup> attornatum suum <34> Et vicecomes retornauit<sup>6</sup> breue quoad predictos Iuratores, Et mandauit quod iidem Iuratores districti sunt Et exitus etc : <35> Et ipsi non veniunt, Ideo preceptum est dicto vicecomiti quod distringat eos per terras etc : , Ita etc : a die sancti Hillarii in xv <36> dies Et idem dies datus est predicto Willelmo de Somerwell etc : , Et quoad predictos Maiorem et balliuos.

<sup>1</sup> omnibus, *struck through*.

<sup>2</sup> *Memo. Roll*: Bathe.

<sup>3</sup> Maiorem et, *interlined* both here and in the *Memo. Roll*.

<sup>4</sup> dies, *interlined*.

<sup>5</sup> venit per dictum, *interlined*.

<sup>6</sup> retornauit, *repeated and struck through*.



Folio 36,  
marked  
XXXV.

<1> vicecomes non retornauit breue Set iidem Maior et Balliui  
 veniunt per Walterum Knolles attornatum suum Et quoad  
 <2> proficua de finibus factis pro libertate habenda infra villam  
 Bristoll' predicti Maior et balliui dicunt <3> quod villa Bristoll'  
 est vetus Burgus et in eodem Burgo Maior Balliui et communitas  
 extiterunt <4> a tempore quo non extat memoria ; in quo quidem  
 Burgo iidem Maior et Balliui et Communitas <5> et eorum ante-  
 cessores et predecessores habuerunt liberam Gildam mercatoriam  
 in eadem villa et suburbio <6> eiusdem ville et omnia que ad  
 gildam mercatoriam pertinent videlicet ad emendum et vendendum  
 in <7> eadem villa libere et quiete de custumis et theoloneo et  
 alias diuersas libertates habendas prout <8> ad gildam mercatoriam  
 pertinent, virtute cuius gilde et libertatis iidem Maior et Balliui  
 et eorum predecessores <9> a toto tempore vsi fuerunt capere  
 quandam prestacionem ad vsus suos proprios de omnibus qui  
 <10> in libertatem et societatem gilde predictae admissi fuerunt  
 pro libertate gilde predictae habenda,<sup>3</sup> secundum <11> quod inter  
 eos racionabiliter concordari poterit, Et dicunt quod dominus  
 Johannes quondam Comes Moryton' <12> et postea Rex Anglie  
 tempore quo ipse fuit Comes Moryton et Dominus ville predictae  
 inter alias <13> libertates concessit Burgensibus ville Bristoll'  
 quod haberent omnes racionabiles gildas suas sicut <14> eas  
 melius habuerunt tempore Roberti et Willelmi filii suorum [*sic*]  
 nuper Comitum Gloucestrie,<sup>4</sup> Et preterea Henricus <15> Rex  
 proauus domini Regis nunc per cartam suam datam vicesimo  
 quarto<sup>5</sup> die Iulii anno regni <16> sui xl<sup>o</sup> <sup>6</sup> concessit eisdem  
 Burgensibus quod haberent et tenerent per totam terram et  
 potestatem <17> eiusdem Regis omnes libertates et liberas  
 consuetudines suas hucusque optentas et vsitatas adeo <18>  
 quiete et integre sicut Ciues London' vel alii de regno et potestate  
 eiusdem Regis libertates <19> suas melius et liberius habuerunt  
 et tenuerunt, quam quidem libertatem Maior et Ciues London'  
 <20> de huiusmodi gilda et prestacionibus pro libertate huiusmodi  
 habenda vsi sunt et gauisi a tempore <21> quo non extat memoria,<sup>7</sup>

Bristoll'  
 est vetus  
 burgus et in  
 eodem burgo  
 extiterunt  
 Maior  
 balliui et  
 Communitas  
 a tempore  
 quo non  
 extat  
 memoria<sup>1</sup>  
 De Gilda  
 mercatoria<sup>1</sup>

Fine for  
 freedome of  
 ye Toun<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> In a different hand.

<sup>2</sup> In much later hand. Underneath this sentence is a word which has been obliterated.

<sup>3</sup> *Memo. Roll omits stop.*

<sup>4</sup> *Memo. Roll omits stop.* See as to the liberties referred to *Bristol Charters, op. cit.*, p. 12.

<sup>5</sup> *Memo. Roll has xxiii<sup>th</sup>*

<sup>6</sup> See *Bristol Charters, op. cit.*, p. 36.

<sup>7</sup> *Memo. Roll has semicolon.*



Quas quidem cartas gildam et libertates predictas ; dominus Rex nunc <22> per cartam suam datam xvj<sup>o</sup> die Octobris anno regni sui quinto<sup>1</sup> quam hic Curie ostendunt <23> ratificauit et confirmauit et vltius concessit quod licet ipsi et eorum antecessores et predecessores aliqua <24> vel aliquibus libertatum et quietanciarum in dictis Cartis et aliis contentarum aliquo casu emergente <25> hactenus vti non fuerunt<sup>2</sup> iidem tamen Burgenses et eorum heredes et successores libertatibus et <26> quietanciis predictis et earum qualiter de cetero plene gaudeant et vtantur sine occasione vel inpedimento <27> domini Regis nunc heredum suorum vel aliorum Ministrorum suorum quorumcunque Et sic dicunt quod ipsi <28> per diuersas vices virtute et auctoritate libertatum suarum predicatarum per predictas Cartas confirmatarum <29> ceperunt proficua in forma predicta Et non intendunt quod dominus Rex eos inde impetire <30> velyt, [*sic*] Et quoad proficua de Pistoribus pro iudicio Pillorie et clatis euitando dicunt quod ipsi et <31> predecessores sui habuerunt visum franciplegii in villa et suburbio predictis<sup>3</sup> cum omnibus ad huiusmodi visum pertinentibus<sup>3</sup> de omnibus hominibus in <32> eisdem villa et suburbio commorantibus a tempore quo non extat memoria,<sup>4</sup> virtute cuius <32> visus iidem Maior et balliui hactenus vti fuerunt amerciare huiusmodi piores delinquentes pro assisa <34> panis fracta ad visum franciplegii sui in eadem villa et amerciamenta illa leuare ad vsus <35> suos proprios et aliquando tales per iudicium Pillorie puniendos prout ad huiusmodi visum per legem <36> pertinet Et dicunt quod dominus Rex nunc per cartam suam datam xvj<sup>o</sup> die Octobris supradicto anno <37> quinto quam Curie hic ostendunt ; recitando quandam inquisitionem per Willelmum de Scha-<38>-reshulle et Robertum de Asshton'<sup>5</sup> de mandato ipsius Regis captam et in cancellariam retornatam

[Folio 36 b.] <1> per quam compertum fuit quod prefati Burgenses et eorum antecessores et predecessores Burgenses eiusdem <2> ville a tempore quo non extat memoria semper hactenus habuerunt visum franciplegii in villa et <3> suburbio predictis cum omnibus

<sup>1</sup> *Bristol Charters, op. cit.*, p. 78.

<sup>2</sup> *Memo. Roll* has semicolon.

<sup>3-3</sup> added in the margin.

<sup>4</sup> *Memo. Roll* has semicolon.

<sup>5</sup> *Memo. Roll* : Aston ; for this inquisition see *supra*, p. 109.



ad huiusmodi visum<sup>1</sup> pertinentibus de hominibus in eisdem villa et suburbio commorantibus <4> Idem dominus Rex nunc per eandem Cartam suam concessit et confirmavit prefatis Burgensibus quod <5> ipsi et heredes et successores sui Burgenses eiusdem ville habeant visum Franciplegii in villa <6> et suburbio predictis cum omnibus ad huiusmodi visum pertinentibus de hominibus in eisdem villa et suburbio <7> commorantibus imperpetuum<sup>2</sup> Ita quod iidem Burgenses et<sup>3</sup> heredes seu successores sui occasione visus predicti <8> pro tempore preterito per ipsum Regem heredes<sup>4</sup> aut alios Ministros suos quoscumque non occasionentur molestentur <9> in aliquo seu grauentur quouismodo;<sup>5</sup> Et dicunt quod dominus Rex nunc per aliam Cartam suam <10> quam hic Curie ostendunt et cuius data est xxiiij<sup>to</sup> die Aprilis Anno regni sui xxj<sup>o</sup> concessit <11> pro se et heredibus suis Maiori et Balliuis et probis hominibus ville Bristoll' quod ipsi et successores sui <12> pro meliori custodia assise panis in villa predicta facienda de cetero facere possint talem puniscionem [*sic*] <13> de pistoribus assisam illam ibidem frangentibus videlicet ad trahendum huiusmodi pistorum contra assisam illam <14> delinquentes super cleyas per vicos ville predictae et ad ipsos alio modo castigandos prout in dicta<sup>6</sup> <15> Ciuitate London' de huiusmodi pistoribus est vsitatum; que quidem punicio de talibus pistoribus assisam <16> panis frangentibus in eadem Ciuitate London' est vsitatum Et sic dicunt quod ipsi aliquando <17> ceperunt talia amerciamenta virtute visus sui predicti et aliquando huiusmodi delinquentes per iudicium <18> clatis virtute carte predictae post confeccionem eiusdem Carte<sup>7</sup> punierunt absque aliquo fine pro <19> clate euitando de huiusmodi delinquentibus capiendo, Et non intendunt quod dominus Rex inde eos <20> impetire velit, Et super hoc datus est dies predictis Maiori et Balliuis ad predictam quindenam sancti <21> Hillarii ad audiendum et faciendum super premissis quod etc.:<sup>8</sup> Ad quem diem predictus Willelmus de <22> Somerwell' in propria persona sua, Et predicti Maior et Balliui per dictum Attornatum suum veniunt,

<sup>1</sup> visum, *interlined*.

<sup>2</sup> *Bristol Charters, op. cit.*, p. 78.

<sup>3</sup> et, *interlined*; omitted in the *Memo. Roll*.

<sup>4</sup> heredes, *interlined*.

<sup>5</sup> *Memo. Roll omits stop*.

<sup>6</sup> eadem, *struck through*; dicta, *interlined*.

<sup>7</sup> predictae, *struck through*.

<sup>8</sup> *Memo. Roll*: new paragraph.



Et vicecomes <23> retornauit breue, Et mandauit quod predicti Iuratores districti sunt Et exitus etc : Et ipsi non veniunt, Ideo preceptum est dicto <24> vicecomiti sicut pluries quod distringat eosdem Iuratores per terras etc : Ita etc : a die Pasche in xv. dies. Et idem dies <25> datus est predicto Willelmo etc : Idemque dies datus est prefatis Maiori et Balliuis ad audiendum et faciendum <26> super premissis quod etc :<sup>1</sup> Ad quem diem predictus Willelmus de Somerwell' in propria persona<sup>2</sup> Et <27> predicti Maior et Balliui per dictum attornatum suum veniunt Et vicecomes retornauit breue,<sup>3</sup> Et mandauit quod predicti <28> Iuratores districti sunt ; Et exitus etc : Et iidem<sup>4</sup> Iurati videlicet Iohannes Hanam Walterus <29> Mulleward<sup>5</sup> et alii quorum nomina annotantur in panello dicti breuis veniunt,<sup>6</sup> Qui quidem Iuratores electi et tria-<30>ti dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Willelmus de Somerwell' nichil leuauit nec leuasse potuit <31> inter festum sancti Michaelis Anno xliiij<sup>to</sup> Regis nunc et idem festum sancti Michaelis Anno xlv<sup>o</sup> finiente<sup>7</sup> <32> de proficuis prouenientibus de Wayf et Stray infra libertatem ville predicte<sup>8</sup> neque de bonis et catallis prouenientibus <33> de Wrek et quod idem Willelmus non respondisse potuit in compoto suo predicto de aliqua peccunie<sup>9</sup> [sic] <34> summa de catallis felonum et fugitiuorum vltra xxj s. iiij d. de quibus onerauit se in compoto <35> illo ; et quod idem Willelmus non respondisse potuit in compoto suo predicto de aliqua pecunie summa <36> de tolneto infra libertatem predictam vltra xvij li. xix s. j d. de quibus onerauit se in compoto <37> suo predicto et quod predictus Willelmus respondisse non potuit in eodem compoto suo de consuetudine <38> textorum Pistorum Sutorum et regratarum vltra l s. iiij d. de quibus onerauit se in dicto compoto suo ;<sup>10</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Memo. Roll* : new paragraph.

<sup>2</sup> *Memo. Roll* adds sua.

<sup>3</sup> *Memo. Roll* omits stop.

<sup>4</sup> ipsi non venerunt, *struck through*.

<sup>5</sup> *Memo. Roll* : Muleward'.

<sup>6</sup> *Memo. Roll* omits stop.

<sup>7</sup> finiete, *in text*.

<sup>8</sup> *Memo. Roll* has semicolon.

<sup>9</sup> *Memo. Roll* : Pecunie.

<sup>10</sup> *Memo. Roll* records adjournments until 1 Henry IV on the question of fines for the liberty of the town. For these proceedings see *Appendix*.



[Folio 37,  
marked XXXVI, is blank.]

[Folio 37 b.] INTER RECORDA DE TERMINO PASCHE ANNO  
QUINQUAGESIMO REGIS EDWARDI TERTII (1376).<sup>1</sup>

BRISTOLL' <1> Comperto in Originali<sup>2</sup> de Anno xlvij<sup>o</sup> Regis huius Rotulo secundo<sup>3</sup> quod cum dominus Rex <2> nuper<sup>4</sup> de auisamento consilii sui ordinauerit quod quindecim Naues et quinque bargie <3> de guerra arraiate quorum<sup>5</sup> quinque Naues et vna bargea<sup>6</sup> de Baion' et decem Naues et quinque <4> bargie de Anglia existent in Comitua Phillipi de Courtenay et Willelmi de Nevill' Admirallorum <5> Regis supra Mare pro secura et salua conduccione omnium mercatorum et Nauium qui ad partes Vascon' pro <6> vinis ibidem emendis et in<sup>7</sup> regnum Anglie ducendis tempore tunc vltimi vendagii proficisci voluerint <7> cum ipsis Mercatoribus huc et illud<sup>8</sup> quociens necesse fuerit<sup>9</sup> pertransirent; volens que quod domini dictarum <8> quindecim Nauium et quinque bargiarum pro labore et expensis suis quos circa conduccionem <9> huiusmodi apponi facerent haberent et caperent de quolibet dolio vinorum que sic per conduccionem <10> suam saluata forent et in Comitua sua in regnum Anglie venirent postquam in aliquo <11> Portu infra idem Regnum salvo<sup>10</sup> applicuerunt ijs s.<sup>11</sup> Ita tamen quod si dicte Naues et bargie <12> vel eorum<sup>12</sup> aliqua bona seu mercandizas de inimicis supra Mare per conquestum perquirerent <13> aut aliquod aliud proficuum vel commodum vt in fretagio vinorum seu alia via mercandisandi seu <14> quocumque alio modo occasione viagii

<sup>1</sup> P.R.O., *Memoranda Roll*, *King's Remembrancer*, 50 Edward III, under heading: Communia, Recorda, Easter, with marginal note: De Willelmo Canynges et Johanne Vyel occasionat' de subsidio ijs. de quolibet dolio vini.

<sup>2</sup> P.R.O., *Originalia Roll*.

<sup>3</sup> *Memo. Roll*: Nono.

<sup>4</sup> *Memo. Roll* adds existens in portu ville de la Rye.

<sup>5</sup> *Memo. Roll*: quarum.

<sup>6</sup> *Memo. Roll*: bargia.

<sup>7</sup> in, *interlined*.

<sup>8</sup> *Memo. Roll*: illuc.

<sup>9</sup> *Memo. Roll*: foret.

<sup>10</sup> Soluo, *in text*.

<sup>11</sup> *Memo. Roll*: duos solidos.

<sup>12</sup> *Memo. Roll*: earum.



sui facerent vel haberent<sup>1</sup> tunc tantum de dictis ij s. quantum <15> dicta bona sic adquisita vel proficua illa attigerint in porcione ipsorum qui comodum et proficuum huiusmodi <16> sic haberent deduceretur iuxta ratam ; <sup>2</sup>assignauerit que dictus dominus Rex per breue suum de magno <17> sigillo suo datum xij die Marcii dicto anno xlvij<sup>o</sup> Walterum de Derby et Thomam Beaupyne<sup>3</sup> <18> ad dictos ij s.<sup>4</sup> de quolibet dolio vini que per conductionem dictarum Nauium et bargiarum in Portibus<sup>5</sup> <19> Bristoll' et Briggewat' saluo applicuerunt iuxta ordinacionem illam in forma predicta Levandos <20> colligendos et percipiendos et denarios inde provenientes saluo custodiri faciendos donec aliud inde <21> a Rege haberent in mandatis. Postmodumque dictus dominus Rex viij die Decembris dicto anno xlvij<sup>o</sup> <22> pro eo quod denarii predicti ad plenum tunc leuati non extiterunt assignauit per litteras suas patentes<sup>6</sup> <23> Maiorem et vicecomitem Bristoll' ad dictos duos solidos qui tunc leuati non extiterunt <24> de quolibet dolio vinorum que per conduccionem dictarum Nauium et bargiarum in dicto Portu Bristoll' <25> saluo applicuerunt si ad tunc extent vel alias de ipsis quorum vina illa fuerunt si <26> ad tunc non extent in forma predicta per dictos Maiorem et vicecomitem ac deputatos <27> suos leuandos colligendos et precipiendos et denarios illos saluo custodiri faciendos donec <28> aliud inde a Rege haberent in mandatis ; super quo Willelmus Canyngus<sup>7</sup> qui fuit Maior <29> et Johannes Vyel qui fuit vicecomes Bristoll' dicto viij die Decembris prout retournatum<sup>8</sup> fuit<sup>9</sup> hic <30> ad Crastinum sancti Michaelis anno xlix<sup>o</sup> Regis huius per tunc vicecomitem Comitatus Bristoll' attachiati fuerunt <31> essendi hic ad plures dies preteritos et tandem ad Crastinum Clausi Pasche hoc termino ad red-<32>-dendum Regi compotum de duobus solidis de quolibet dolio vini que per conduccionem quindecim <33> Nauium et quinque bargiarum de guerra arraiatarum in Portu ville<sup>10</sup> Bristoll' saluo

<sup>1</sup> *Memo. Roll* has semicolon.

<sup>2</sup> *Memo. Roll* omits stop, but has capital A.

<sup>3</sup> *Memo. Roll* : Beaupyne. The reference is to *Originalia Roll*, 47 Edward III, m. 2.

<sup>4</sup> *Memo. Roll* : duos solidos.

<sup>5</sup> *Memo. Roll* : portubus.

<sup>6</sup> P.R.O., *Originalia Roll*, *op. cit.*, m. 9.

<sup>7</sup> *Memo. Roll* : Canynges.

<sup>8</sup> *Memo. Roll* : retournatum.

<sup>9</sup> *Memo. Roll* : adds ad Scaccarium.

<sup>10</sup> *Memo. Roll* omits ville.



applicuerunt <34> per ipsos Willelmum et Johannem ac deputatos suos leuatos et collectos.<sup>1</sup> Et predicti Willelmus <35> Canynges et Johannes Viel<sup>2</sup> ad eundem diem venerunt per Johannem Roper de Bristoll' attornatum suum <36> et computarunt in premissis In quo quidem compoto non respondent de huiusmodi subsidio <37> ij s. de quolibet dolio vini que per<sup>3</sup> conduccionem predictarum Nauium et bargiarum in dicto portu <38> Bristoll' saluo applicuerunt ; eo quod nulla dolia nec vasa vini per conduccionem Nauium et

Folio 38,  
marked  
XXXVII.

<1> bargiarum supradictarum in dicto Portu Bristoll' seu villa eiusdem applicuerunt ut dixerunt super <2> sacramentum suum.<sup>4</sup> Ad quod dictum est pro Rege quod diuersa dolia vinorum per conduccionem predictarum Nauium <3> et bargiarum in portu predicto saluo applicuerunt vnde Regi respondisse potuerunt de magna <4> peccunie<sup>5</sup> [sic] summa de subsidio predicto si etc : Et hoc petitur pro domino Rege quod inquiratur etc : Et <5> predicti Willelmus et Johannes dicunt vt prius quod nulla dolia nec vasa vini per conduccionem <6> dictarum Nauium et Bargiarum in dicto Portu Bristoll' applicuerunt et hoc petunt similiter quod <7> inquiratur etc : ,<sup>6</sup> Ideo fiat inde inquisicio,<sup>6</sup> Et preceptum est vicecomiti quod venire faciat hic a die Sancti Johannis Baptiste <8> in xv dies xvij tam milites etc : de villa Bristoll' quorum quilibet etc : per quos etc : et qui nec etc : <9> ad recognoscendum in premissis Et idem dies datus est prefatis Willelmo Canynges et Johanni Vyel, Ad <10> quem diem iidem Willelmus et Johannes veniunt<sup>7</sup> Et predictus Henricus Perschay<sup>8</sup> liberauit hic quandam <11> inquisicionem coram eo et prefato<sup>9</sup> Waltero Clopton' captam apud Bristoll' in Comitatu Bristoll' <12> die Mercurii proximo post festum sancti Michaelis Archangeli Anno regni Regis huius quinquagesimo

<sup>1</sup> *Memo. Roll* : new paragraph.

<sup>2</sup> *Memo. Roll* : Vyel.

<sup>3</sup> per, *interlined*.

<sup>4</sup> *Memo. Roll* : new paragraph.

<sup>5</sup> *Memo. Roll* : pecunie.

<sup>6</sup> *Memo Roll omits stop*.

<sup>7</sup> *There is a cross above veniunt, and a hand in the margin indicating that lines 23 to 28 should be read after veniunt.*

<sup>8</sup> *Memo. Roll* : Percehay.

<sup>9</sup> Willelmo, *struck through*.



per <13> sacramentum Ade Pountffreyt Roberti Grateleye et aliorum Iuratorum quorum nomina annotantur in inquisicione <14> predicta que est inter inquisiciones et extantas retornatas hic anno quinquagesimo primo dicti <15> Regis huius Qui Iuratores dicunt super sacramentum suum quod nulla dolia nec vasa vini per conduccionem <16> quindecim Nauium et quinque bargiarum que fuerunt in Comitua Philippi de Courtenay et Willelmi <17> de Neuill' admirallorum domini Regis super Mare anno quadragesimo septimo predicti Regis <18> huius pro salua conduccione omnium Mercatorum et Nauium qui ad partes Vascon' pro vinis ibidem <19> emendis et in regnum Anglie ducendis tempore tunc vltimi vendagii proficisci voluerunt <20> in Portu ville Bristoll' saluo<sup>1</sup> applicuerunt prout Willelmus Canynges et Johannes Viel <21> supradicti superius alligarunt<sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>super quibus habita deliberacione per Barones<sup>4</sup> consideratum est quod predicti Willelmus <22> Canynges et Johannes Vyel quoad premissa eant ad presens sine die salua<sup>5</sup> Regi accione si alias etc.

<23><sup>6</sup> Et vicecomes retornauit breue<sup>7</sup> suum drectum cum pannello de nominibus Iuratorum Et<sup>8</sup> Iuratores non veniunt <24> Ideo preceptum est eidem vicecomiti quod ipsos dstringat etc : Ita etc : a die sancti Michaelis in xv dies vel interim coram <25> Henrico Percehay et Waltero de Clopton' Iusticiariis Regis ad assisas in Comitatu Bristoll' <sup>9</sup>et Somers' <26> capiendas assignatis qui per litteras Regis patentes sub sigillo huius scaccarii assignantur ad inquisicionem <27> illam interim<sup>10</sup> capiendam Et idem dies datus est prefatis Willelmo Canynges et Johanni Viel<sup>11</sup> Ad quem <28> diem iidem Willelmus et Johannes venerunt

<sup>1</sup> *Written salua in the text and corrected.*

<sup>2</sup> *Memo. Roll : allegarunt.*

<sup>3</sup> *Memo. Roll has a capital S.*

<sup>4</sup> *Memo. Roll has semicolon.*

<sup>5</sup> *Memo. Roll has a capital S.*

<sup>6</sup> There is a cross at the beginning of this line corresponding with that in line 10 above.

<sup>7</sup> *Memo. Roll omits suum drectum.*

<sup>8</sup> *Memo. Roll inserts iidem.*

<sup>9</sup> *Memo. Roll omits et Somers'.*

<sup>10</sup> *interim, interlined.*

<sup>11</sup> *Memo. Roll : Vyel.*



INTER RECORDA DE TERMINO PASCHE ANNO  
QUINQUAGESIMO REGIS EDWARDI TERTII POST  
CONQUESTUM EX PARTE REMEMORATORIS REGIS.<sup>1</sup>

SOMERS'  
BRISTOLL.

⟨29⟩ Comperto in Originali de anno xlvij<sup>o</sup> Regis huius rotulo secundo quod cum dominus Rex nuper de auisa-⟨30⟩-mento consilii sui ordinauerit quod quindecim Naues et quinque bargie<sup>2</sup> de guerra arraiate ⟨31⟩ quarum quinque Naues et vna bargea<sup>3</sup> de Baion' et decem Naues et quatuor bargie de ⟨32⟩ Anglia existerent in Comitua Philippi de Courtenaye et Willelmi de Neuill' Admirallorum Regis

[Folio 38 b.] ⟨1⟩ supra Mare pro salua et segura conduccione omnium Mercatorum et Nauium qui ad partes Vascon' pro ⟨2⟩ vinis ibidem emendis et in regnum Anglie ducendis tempore tunc vltimi vendagii proficisci ⟨3⟩ voluerunt cum ipsis Mercatoribus huc et illuc quociens necesse foret pertransirent<sup>4</sup> volensque ⟨4⟩ quod domini dictarum quindecim Nauium et quinque bargiarum<sup>5</sup> pro labore et expensis suis quod ⟨5⟩ circa conduccionem huiusmodi apponi facerent haberent et caperent de quolibet dolio vinorum que ⟨6⟩ sic per conductionem suam saluata forent et in Comitua sua in regnum Anglie venirent ⟨7⟩ postquam in aliquo portu infra idem regnum saluo applicarent duos solidos, Ita tamen quod ⟨8⟩ si dicte Naues et bargee<sup>6</sup> vel earum aliqua bona seu mercandisas de inimicis supra Mare per ⟨9⟩ conquestum perquirerent aut aliquod aliud proficuum vel commodum vt in fretagio vinorum seu ⟨10⟩ alia via mercandisandi seu quocunque alio modo occasione viagii sui facerent vel haberent tunc ⟨11⟩ tantum de dictis ij s. quantum dicta bona sic acquisita vel proficua illa attigerint in porcione ipsorum ⟨12⟩ qui commodum et proficuum huiusmodi sic haberent deduceretur iuxta ratam, Assignaueritque dictus ⟨13⟩ dominus Rex per breve suum de magno sigillo suo datum xij<sup>o</sup> die Marcii dicto anno xlvij<sup>o</sup> Walterum ⟨14⟩ de Derby

<sup>1</sup> P.R.O., *Memoranda Roll, King's Remembrancer*, 50 Edward III, under heading *Communia Recorda, Easter*. Marginal note: *Somers' Bristoll'*

<sup>2</sup> *Memo. Roll*: bargee.

<sup>3</sup> *Memo. Roll*: bargia.

<sup>4</sup> *Memo. Roll* has semicolon.

<sup>5</sup> *Memo. Roll*: bargearum.

<sup>6</sup> *Memo. Roll*: bargie.



et Thomam Beaupyne<sup>1</sup> ad dictos duos solidos de quolibet dolio vini que per con-⟨15⟩-duccionem dictarum Nauium et bargearum<sup>2</sup> in portibus<sup>3</sup> Bristoll' et Briggewat' saluo applicuerunt iuxta ⟨16⟩ ordinacionem illam in forma predicta leuandos colligendos et percipiendos et denarios inde prouenientes ⟨17⟩ saluo custodiri faciendos donec aliud inde a Rege haberent in mandatis, Super quo predicti ⟨18⟩ Walterus et Thomas attachiati fuerunt essendi hic ad plures dies preteritos et tandem ad ⟨19⟩ Crastinum Clausi Pasche hoc termino ad reddendum Regi compotum de duobus solidis de quolibet dolio ⟨20⟩ vini que per conduccionem dictarum Nauium et bargearum<sup>2</sup> in dictis portibus de Bristoll' et Brigge-⟨21⟩-wat' saluo applicuerunt iuxta ordinacionem predictam in forma predicta<sup>4</sup> Et predicti Walterus<sup>5</sup> et ⟨22⟩ Thomas ad eundem diem venerunt per Johannem Roper de Bristoll' attornatum suum et computarunt ⟨23⟩ in premissis in quo quidem compoto non respondent de huiusmodi subsidio ijs. de quolibet ⟨24⟩ dolio vini que per conduccionem dictarum Nauium et bargearum<sup>2</sup> in dictis portibus saluo applicuerunt ⟨25⟩ eo quod nulla dolia nec vasa vini per conduccionem Nauium et bargearum<sup>2</sup> supradictarum in dictis ⟨26⟩ portibus applicuerunt ut dixerunt super sacramentum suum. Ad quod dictum est pro Rege quod diuersa ⟨27⟩ dolia et vasa vinorum per conduccionem dictarum Nauium et bargearum<sup>2</sup> in portibus predictis saluo appli-⟨28⟩-cuerunt vnde Regi respondisse potuerunt de magna peccunie<sup>6</sup> summa de subsidio predicto ⟨29⟩ si etc : Et hoc petitur pro domino Rege quod inquiratur etc :<sup>4</sup> Et predicti Walterus et Thomas dicunt vt ⟨30⟩ prius quod nulla dolia nec vasa vini per conduccionem dictarum Nauium et bargearum<sup>2</sup> in portibus ⟨31⟩ predictis applicuerunt et hoc petunt similiter quod inquiratur etc : Ideo fiant inde inquisitiones Et preceptum est ⟨32⟩ vicecomiti Bristoll' ac vicecomiti Somers' in cuius balliua dicta villa de Briggewater existit separatim quod ⟨33⟩ ipsi venire faciant hic a die sancti Johannis Baptiste in xv dies xviiij tam milites etc : de villa Bristoll' et ⟨34⟩ visneto de Briggewater

<sup>1</sup> *Memo. Roll* : Beaupeny ; *Originalia Roll*, *op. cit.*, m. 2.

<sup>2</sup> *Memo. Roll* : bargiarum.

<sup>3</sup> *Memo. Roll* : portubus.

<sup>4</sup> *Memo. Roll* : new paragraph.

<sup>5</sup> Willelmus, *struck through* ; Walterus, *interlined*.

<sup>6</sup> *Memo. Roll* : pecunie.



quorum quilibet etc: per quos etc: et qui nec etc: ad recognoscendum in premissis Et idem <35> dies datus est prefatis Waltero de Derby et Thome Beaupyne.<sup>1</sup> Ad quem diem iidem <36> Walterus et Thomas veniunt Et vicecomites retornauerunt breuia eis separatim directa cum panella de nominibus

Folio 39,  
marked  
XXXVIII.

<1> Iuratorum Et Iuratores non veniunt Ideo preceptum est eisdem vicecomitibus separatim quod ipsos distringant etc Ita etc a die sancti <2> Michaelis in xv dies vel interim coram Henrico Percehay et Waltero de Clopton' Iusticiariis Regis <3> ad assisas in Comitatibus Bristoll' et Somerset' capiendas assignatis qui per litteras Regis patentes sub sigillo <4> huius scaccarii assignantur ad inquisitiones illas interim capiendas Et idem dies datus est prefatis <5> Waltero de Derby et Thome Beaupyne<sup>1</sup> Ad quem diem iidem Walterus et Thomas veniunt <6> Et predictus Henricus Percehay liberauit hic quandam inquisitionem coram eo et prefato Waltero de <7> Clopton' apud Bristoll' in Comitatu Bristoll' captam die Mercurii proximo post festum sancti Michaelis Archangeli <8> anno regni Regis huius quinquagesimo per sacramentum Willelmi Cary Johannis Berstaple et aliorum <9> Iuratorum quorum nomina annotantur in inquisitione predicta que est inter inquisitiones et extentas <10> retornatas hic anno li<sup>mo</sup> dicti Regis huius Qui Iuratores dicunt super sacramentum suum quod nulla dolia seu <11> vasa vini per conduccionem quindecim nauium et quinque bargearum que fuerunt in Comi-<12>-tiua Phillipi de Courtenaye et Willelmi de Neuill' nuper Admirallorum domini Regis supra Mare <13> anno regni dicti Regis huius xlvij<sup>o</sup> pro salua conduccione omnium mercatorum et Nauium qui ad partes <14> Vascon' pro vinis ibidem emendis et in regnum Anglie ducendis tempore tunc vltimi ven-<15>-dagii proficisci voluerunt in portu ville Bristoll' saluo applicuerunt prout Walterus<sup>2</sup> Derby <16> et Thomas Beaupyne<sup>1</sup> supradicti allegarunt, Et predicta inquisicio de Comitatu Somerset' adhuc <17> remanet capienda Et Iuratores inde non veniunt Ideo preceptum est vicecomiti quod ipsos distringat etc: Ita etc: a die <18> sancti hillarii in xv dies Et idem dies datus est prefatis Waltero et Thome Ad quem diem <19> iidem Walterus et Thomas veniunt Et vicecomes retornauit breue, <sup>3</sup>Et Iuratores

<sup>1</sup> *Memo. Poll*: Beaupeny.

<sup>2</sup> *Memo. Roll inserts* de.

<sup>3</sup> *Memo. Roll omits* stop.



non veniunt, Ideo preceptum est vicecomiti quod ipsos <20> distringat etc: Ita etc: a die Pasche in xv dies vel<sup>1</sup> coram Roberto Belknap' Capitali Iusticiario <21> de Banco qui per litteras Regis patentes sub sigillo huius scaccarii assignatur ad inquisitionem illam <22> interim capiendam Et idem dies datus est prefatis Waltero de Derby et Thome Beaupyne,<sup>2</sup> Ad <23> quem diem iidem Walterus et Thomas veniunt Et inquisicio adhuc remanet capienda Et vicecomes <24> retornauit breue Et Iuratores<sup>3</sup> non veniunt Ideo preceptum est vicecomiti quod ipsos distringat vt prius etc: Ita etc: <sup>4</sup> in Crastino sancti <25> Johannis Baptiste Et idem dies datus est prefatis Waltero de Derby et Thome Beaupeny [*sic*] Ante <26> quem diem dictus dominus Rex obiit; dicti tamen Walterus et Thomas veniunt Et vicecomes non <27> retornauit breue Et dominus Ricardus Rex filius Edwardi Primogeniti dicti Regis defuncti qui <28> successit eidem Regi defuncto in regimine regni mandauit Thesaurario et Baronibus de scaccario suo <29> breue suum de magno sigillo suo quod est inter Communia de termino sancte Trinitatis anno regni <30> sui primo quod de omnibus breuibz dicti Regis defuncti aui sui tam in allocacionibus quam de <31> quietacionibus super perdonacionibus debitorum et processibus aliis faciendis in scaccario regnante dicto auo suo <32> pendentibus et nondum executis allocaciones quietancias et processus fieri faciant iuxta teno- <33> rem breuium predictorum quo pretexto datus est dies vltterius prefatis Waltero de Derby et Thome <34> Beaupeny [*sic*] hic a die sancti Michaelis in xv dies, Et preceptum est vicecomiti quod distringat Iuratores predictos vt prius etc: <35> Ita etc: ad eundem diem, Ad quem diem iidem Walterus et Thomas veniunt, Et vicecomes non retornauit <36> breue, Et Iurati inde non veniunt, Ideo preceptum est vicecomiti quod ipsos distringat vt prius etc: Ita etc: a die sancti hillarii <37> in xv dies vel interim coram henrico Percehay vno seruientum Regis qui per litteras Regis patentes <38> sub sigillo huius scaccarii assignatur ad inquisitionem illam interim capiendam Et idem dies datus est

<sup>1</sup> interim, *struck through*; it is in the Memo. Roll. without erasure.

<sup>2</sup> Memo. Roll: Beaupeny.

<sup>3</sup> Memo. Roll inserts inde.

<sup>4</sup> etc., *interlined*.



*Folio 39 b.]* <1> prefatis Waltero de Derby et Thome Beaupeny ad quem diem iidem Walterus et Thomas veniunt <2> Et predictus Henricus Percehay liberauit hic quandam inquisitionem coram eo captam apud Brugge-⟨3⟩-water in Comitatu Somerset' die Martis proximo post festum Epiphane domini anno regni Regis Ricardi Secundi primo <4> per sacramentum Johannis Popham Mathei Michel et aliorum Juratorum quorum nomina annotantur<sup>1</sup> in eadem <5> inquisitione que est inter inquisitiones et extentas retornatas hic anno primo dicti Regis Ricardi Qui dicunt <6> super sacramentum suum quod nulla dolia seu vasa vini per conduccionem quindecim Nauium et quinque bar-⟨7⟩-gearum que fuerunt in Comitatu Philippi de Courtenaye et Willelmi de Neuill' nuper Admirallorum domini <8> Edwardi nuper Regis Anglie aui domini Regis nunc Anno regni eiusdem Regis Aui quadragesimo septimo <9> pro salua conduccione omnium mercatorum et Nauium qui ad partes Vascon' pro vinis ibidem emendis et in <10> regnum Anglie ducendis tempore tunc vltimi vendagii proficisci voluerunt in portu ville de <11> Briggewater salua applicuerunt prout Walterus de Derby et Thomas Beaupyne supradicti <12> allegarunt, Super quibus habita deliberacione per Barones; consederatum [*sic*] est quod predicti Walterus de Derby <13> et Thomas Beaupeny [*sic*] quo ad compotum predictum eant ad presens sine die, salua Regi accione <14> si alias etc :

ICENCIA  
DOMINI  
HENRICI  
REGIS  
ANGLIE  
EXTI FACTA  
BARTALOT  
DE RIUER  
VILLELMO  
OCE ET  
LIIS.

ARINAR II

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[*Safe Conduct No. 1.*]

<15> Henricus dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Vniuersis et Singulis Admirallis <16> Capitaneis Castellanis et eorum<sup>2</sup> locatenentibus Custumariis Custodibus portuum <17> maris et aliorum locorum maritimorum necnon Vicecomitibus Maioribus Balliuis Constabulariis <18> Ministris ac aliis fidelibus et subditis suis infra libertates et extra tam per terram quam per mare <19> constitutis ad quos presentes littere peruenerint salutem Sciatis quod cum in supplicacione per dilectum <20> nobis Bartalot de la Ryuer de Ciuitate Baion' Armigerum oriundum porrecta contineatur <21> quod idem Bartalot per duos annos et dimidium iam proxime elapsos infra regnum nostrum Anglie ad <22> seruicium nobis impendendum attendit Sicque ad seruicium nobis tam in eodem regno nostro quam <23> alibi impendendum quo adiuxerit attendere proponit

<sup>1</sup> anno, *struck through*; annotantur, *interlined*.

<sup>2</sup> locumtenentibus, *struck through*.



Andren  
Martieco  
Do mingo de  
Haye  
Do mingo de  
Joan  
Joanot du  
chasco  
Sebastian<sup>2</sup>  
Iohane  
Darnani<sup>3</sup>  
Ioango  
Besteve  
Periot du torano  
lo pe dychos  
Seint Ioan'  
Francisco  
Thomas  
[A name  
illegible]  
Ioanot de  
torano  
Per Ioanche  
Martichotche  
Martisans.

intendat que<sup>1</sup> iccirco idem Bartalot <24> certa bona a Ciuitate predicta in regnum nostrum Anglie adducere seu adduci facere per que <25> se statumque suum poterit sustentare quod tamen nullatenus facere audet aut secure potest <26> absque licencia et gracia nostra speciali nobis iccirco Supplicando vt litteras nostras de saluo conductu <27> <sup>3</sup>licenciam quod ipse ac quidam Machingo de lace de Ciuitate predicta necnon Willelmus <28> Ioce Edwardus Wilcok' et Thomas Smalcombe per ipsum Bartalot nobis nominati <29> quandam Nauem<sup>4</sup> sufficientem portagii Centum et sexaginta doliorum vel infra aut duas alias <30> Naues vtramque videlicet portagii quateruiginti doliorum vel infra tales videlicet que eidem <31> Bartalot vel factori suo in hac parte pro maiori proficuo eiusdem Bartalot videbuntur <32> necessarie cum Waida Ferro Beuer vinis Croco et aliis mercandisis in partibus illis <33> onerandas siue carcandas vna cum quadraginta et octo Marinariis de dicto portu

Folio 40,  
marked  
XXXIX.

<1> Baion' aut aliis portubus ibidem in regnum nostrum Anglie adduci facere possint <2> absque aliqua perturbacione arresto vel impeticione nostri Officiariorum vel subditorum nostrorum <3> pro marca reprisalia vel alia districcione quacumque sibi graciose concedere <4> dignaremur Nos supplicacioni predictae fauorabiliter inclinati de gracia nostra speciali <5> dictam nauem dicti portagii siue duas alias Naues videlicet eorum vtramque portagii <6> quateruiginti doliorum vel infra sic<sup>5</sup> vt predictum est in partibus predictis cum <7> Waida Ferro Bever vinis et aliis mercandisis onerandis seu carcandis quam vel <8> quas sic duxerint adducendas suscepimus et per presentes suscipimus in saluum et securum <9> conductum nostrum ac in proteccionem tuicionem et defencionem nostras speciales in regnum nostrum <10> Anglie vnacum quadraginta et octo Marinariis de dicto portu Baion' et aliis portubus <11> predictis veniendo et ibidem Morando et nauem vel naues predictas de Waida Ferro Bever <12> vinis et aliis mercandisis ibidem discarcando et exinde versus partes suas proprias cum <13> naui seu Nauibus ac Marinariis predictis absque aliqua perturbacione arresto vel <14> impedimento nostri Officiariorum vel subditorum nostrorum

<sup>1</sup> idcirco, *struck through*.

<sup>2</sup> The first part of this word is obscured by smudging.

<sup>3</sup> Word of one or two letters illegible.

<sup>4</sup> Nauem, *interlined*.

<sup>5</sup> vp p, *struck through*.



pro Marqua reprisalia aut alia <15> causa quacumque transeundo Et ideo vobis mandamus quod nauem vel naues <16> predictas Waide [*sic*] Ferro Beuer vinis et aliis mercandisis in regnum nostrum Anglie unacum <17> quadraginta et octo Marinariis predictis veniendo ibidem morando et Nauem vel Naues <18> predictas de Waida Ferro Bever vinis et aliis mercandisis ibidem discarcando et exinde versus <19> partes suas proprias libere et absque perturbacione arresto vel<sup>1</sup> impeticione nostri <20> officiariorum vel subditorum nostrorum quorumcumque pro marca reprisalia vel alia districcione <21> quacumque transeundo vt predictum est manuteneatis protegatis et defendatis non inferentes <22> eis aut eorum alicui seu quantum in vobis est ab aliis inferri<sup>2</sup> permittentes <23> iniuriam molestiam dampnum violenciam impedimentum aliquod seu grauamen <24> Et siquid eis vel eorum alicui forisfactum seu iniuriatum fuerit id eis et eorum cuilibet <25> sine dilacione corrigi et debite reformari faciatis Prouiso semper quod predicti <26> quadraginta et octo Marinarii habere valeant infra Nauem vel Naues predictas <27> sufficientem artillariam pro defencione sua, quod que eciam Custume Subsidia et omnia <28> alia denaria nobis in hac parte debita de tempore in tempus bene et fideliter <29> persoluantur ac quod Marinarii predicti bene et honeste se habeant et gerant erga [nos] <30> et populum nostrum Et quicquam quod in nostri seu populi nostri preiudicium vel dampnum <31> cedere valeat non attemptent seu attemptari faciant quouis modo In cuius rei <32> testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes vsque festum Pasche proxime futurum <33> duraturas Teste meipso apud Westmonasteriam viij die Octobris Anno regni nostri XXX<sup>mo</sup> <34> Per breue de priuato sigillo et de data predicta Auctoritate Parliamenti Goding'

[*Safe Conduct No. 2.*]

[*Folio 40 b.*] <1> Henricus dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Vniuersis et singulis <2> Admirallis Capitaneis Castellanis et eorum locatenentibus Custumariis Custodibus portuum <3> maris et aliorum locorum maritimorum necnon vicecomitibus Maioribus Balliuis Constabulariis <4> Ministris ac aliis fidelibus et Subditis

<sup>1</sup> impedimento, *struck through*.

<sup>2</sup> pert, *struck through*.

<sup>3</sup> 1451. Enrolled in *Gascon Roll*, 29-30 Henry VI, m. 5; see also *Cal. Pat. Rolls* (1446-52), p. 530. Neither this safe conduct nor the one following are made out in the usual form.



suis infra libertates et extra tam per terram quam <5> per mare constitutis ad quos presentes littere peruenerint Salutem Sciatis quod cum Willelmus <6> Canynges Ciuis et mercator ville nostre<sup>1</sup> Bristollie<sup>2</sup> nonnulla bona et mercandisas magni <7> et notabilis valoris infra Ciuitatem nostram Baion' tempore reddicionis eiusdem contra deum <8> et omnem Iusticiam in manus aduersarii nostri Francie facte Habuerit et adhuc habeat et que <9> idem Willelmus nisi cicius abinde in regnum nostrum Anglie conduci valeant de verissimili est <10> perditurus et amissurus absque gracia nostra sibi in hac parte exhibeatur, Eadem que bona et <11> mercandise tante quantitatis existant vt dicitur quod in vna Naui conduci non <12> possunt Et iccirco ex parte ipsius Willelmi nobis humiliter sit supplicatum vt sibi litteras nostras <13> de Saluo conductu pro duabus Nauibus de portu dicte Ciuitatis Baion' vel de Sancto Luca pro <14> bonis et mercandisis predictis a dicta Ciuitate Baion' in regnum nostrum predictum conducendis <15> graciosè concedere dignemur Nos supplicacioni predictæ fauorabiliter inclinati litteras <16> nostras huiusmodi eidem Willelmo duximus concedendas et ea occasione suscepimus et per presentes <17> suscipimus in saluum et securum conductum nostrum ac in proteccionem tuicionem et defencionem <18> nostras speciales duas Naues de dicta ciuitate Baion' vel aliis<sup>3</sup> partibus ibidem <19> vnam videlicet portagii trescentorum doliorum vel infra alteram vero Portagii ducentorum <20> doliorum vel infra cum Magistris Marinariis et aliis<sup>4</sup> personis vsque ad numerum <21> sexaginta personarum vel infra in vtraque nauium predictarum a dicta Ciuitate Baion' in <22> regnum nostrum Anglie cum bonis et mercandisis predictis in eisdem reponendis veniendo <23> Ita quod in dictis Nauibus et eorum altera vnus Ricardi Marchall' Iohannis Flemynge <24> Willelmi Halle et Ricardi Fulwode de Bristollia mercatorum vel aliquis alius mercator eiusdem <25> ville existat ibidem morando et Naues illas in eodem regno nostro de bonis et mercandisis <26> illis discarcando et extra idem regnum versus partes suas proprias cum Magistris Marinariis <27> et personis predictis transeundo Et ideo vobis mandamus quod Naues predictas in <28> [dictum]<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> nostre, *interlined.*

<sup>2</sup> nonn, *struck through.*

<sup>3</sup> portubus, *struck through.*

<sup>4</sup> Maneriis [*sic*], *struck through.*

<sup>5</sup> Word partially obliterated.



regnum nostrum cum bonis mercandis ac Magistris Marinariis et personis predictis <29> a dicta Ciuitate Baion' veniendo ibidem morando et easdem Naues in eodem regno <30> nostro de bonis et marcandis predictis discarcando et extra idem regnum nostrum versus <31> partes suas predictas cum Magistris Marinariis et personis predictis vt predictum est transe-<32>-undo manuteneatis protegatis et defendatis Non inferentes eis aut eorum alicui <33> in personis bonis vel rebus suis seu quantum in vobis est ab aliis inferri permit-<34>-tentes iniuriam molestiam dampnum violenciam arrestum impedimentum

*Folio 41, marked XL.* <1> aliquod seu grauamen Et si quid eis seu eorum alicui in personis bonis vel rebus <2> suis forisfactum vel iniuriatum fuerit id eis et eorum cuilibet sine dilacione corrigi et debite <3> reformari faciatis, Prouiso semper quod Magistri Marinarii ac persone predicti bene <4> et honeste se habeant et gerant erga nos et populum nostrum Et quicquam quod in nostri <5> seu populi nostri preiudicium vel dampnum cedere valeat non attemptent seu <6> attemptari faciant quouismodo, quodque ipsi Custumas subsidia et alia denaria <7> nobis in hac parte debita de tempore in tempus bene et fideliter soluant <8> vt est iustum In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes <9> per vnum annum duraturas Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium xxvii die Octobris <10> anno regni nostri tricesimo.<sup>1</sup>

Per Concilium Godyng'

[*Licence to Trade No. 1.*]

<11> <sup>2</sup>Henricus dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Omnibus ad quos presentes littere <12> peruenerint salutem Sciatis quod cum dilecti nobis Iohannes Hille vnus garcionum Camere nostre <13> et Iohannes Freme de Bristoll' mercator ac quatuor alii ligei nostri nuper per aduersarios nostros Francie <14> capti fuerunt et ad financiam ducentarum librarum sterling' ultra lez droitz positi pro qua <15> in custodia aduersariorum nostrorum predictorum diu extiterunt Iamque ipsi Iohannes et Iohannes aliis <16> quatuor sociis suis ligeis nostris predictis plegiis pro se in manibus aduersariorum predictorum <17> remanentibus in regnum nostrum Anglie ad

<sup>1</sup> 1451. Enrolled in *Gascon Roll*, 29-30 Henry VI, m. 4.

<sup>2</sup> This licence is enrolled on the *French Roll* (now classified as *Treaty Roll*), 30 Henry VI, m. 7.



financiam predictam adipiscendam et optinendam venerunt <18> Nos igitur vt iidem Iohannes et Iohannes financiam predictam cicius soluere ac se et plegios suos predictos <19> acquietare possint de gracia nostra speciali concessimus et licenciam dedimus eisdem Iohanni et Iohanni quod <20> ipsi aut eorum in hac parte attornati siue factores tociens quociens sibi placuerit durantibus <21> presentibus litteris nostris cum quadam Naui Portagii ducentorum et quadraginta doliorum <22> vel duarum Nauium portagiorum ducentorum et quadraginta doliorum vel infra cum bonis <23> et mercandisis ad Stapulam ville nostre Cales' minime pertinentibus carcat' vel non carcat' <24> ac cum Magistro et Marinariis pro gubernacione eiusdem Nauis vel Nauium competentibus versus <25> partes ducatus nostri Acquietan' transire et bona et mercandisas illas ibidem vendere ac Nauem <26> illam vel Naues illas cum aliis bonis et mercandisis ibidem carcare et in regnum nostrum Anglie <27> adducere possit et possint licite et impune et absque impedimento impeticione perturbacione siue <28> molestacione nostri Officiariorum seu Ministrorum nostrorum quorumcumque Prouiso semper quod nobis <29> de custumis subsidiis et aliis denariis nobis in hac parte debitis fideliter respondeatur In <30> cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes per sexdecim menses duraturas <31> Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium xij die Maii anno regni nostri tricesimo<sup>1</sup>

Per breue de priuato sigillo et de data predicta auctoritate  
parliamenti Rous.

[Folio 41 b.] DE TEMPORE WILLELMI CODDER ANNO XXXI°  
HENRICI VI<sup>th</sup>

[*Licence to Trade No. 2.*]

<1> Henricus dei gracia Rex Anglie etc: Vniuersis et singulis Admirallis <2> Capitaneis Castellanis et eorum loca tenentibus Customariis Custodibus portuum <3> maris et aliorum locorum maritimorum necnon vicecomitibus Maioribus Balliuis Consta- <4>-bulariis Ministris ac aliis fidelibus et subditis suis infra libertates et extra tam per <5> terram quam per<sup>2</sup> mare constitutis Ad quos presentes littere peruenerint salutem Suppli- <6>-cauit

<sup>1</sup> 1452.

<sup>2</sup> Aquam, *struck through*.



nobis Willelmus Canynges de Bristollia mercator vt sibi licenciam dare et <7> concedere dignaremur quod ipse per se aut deputatos suos vnam nauem portagii <8> quadringentorum doliorum vel infra vel duas Naues vtramque earum portagii ducen- <9> -tarum [*sic*] doliorum vel infra tociens quociens sibi placuerit durantibus presentibus litteris nostris <10> cum bonis et mercandis licitis ad Stapulam nostram Cales' non pertinentibus carcare <11> et cum ea vel eis sic carcata vel carcatis ac mercatoribus Magistris et Marinariis <12> pro gubernacione eiusdem sive earundem competentibus versus partes quascumque Ispanu' <13> Britanu' vel aliarum partium transire ac bona et mercandis illa ibidem vendere ac alia <14> bona et mercandis ibidem emere et in naui seu nauibus predictis carcare et cum eisdem in <15> regnum nostrum Anglie venire possit licite et impune Nos bonum et acceptabile seruicium <16> nobis per prefatum Willelmum impensum et impendendum considerantes supplicacione sue <17> predictae inclinati de gracia nostra speciali licenciam predictam predicto Willelmo tenore presentium <18> duxerimus concedendo Nolentes quod idem Willelmus aut deputati sui predicti vel mercatores <19> Magistri Marinarii predicti aut eorum aliquis per nos aut Officiarios seu Ministros nostros <20> quoscumque pro premissis seu aliquo premissorum impetantur in aliquo seu grauentur aut <21> impetatur molestetur in aliquo seu grauetur, Solutis nobis custumis subsidiis et aliis <22> denariis nobis in hac parte debitis In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes <23> per vnum annum duraturas Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium xiiij die Nouembris anno regni <24> nostri tricesimo primo.<sup>1</sup>

*Folio 42,* [Licence to Trade No. 3.]<sup>2</sup>  
*marked XLI.* (Headed "DE TEMPORE ROBERTI STURMY ANNO XXXII  
 REGIS HENRICI VI<sup>th</sup>")

DATED 20th November, 32 Henry VI<sup>th</sup> (1453)<sup>3</sup> At  
 Westminster.  
 GRANTED to William Cannynges in precisely similar terms to  
 the last, except for the date.  
 Issued "Per concilium - Godynge" -

<sup>1</sup> 1452.

<sup>2</sup> Same general form as Licence to Trade No. 1.

<sup>3</sup> Enrolled in *French Roll (Treaty Roll)*, 32 Henry VI, m. 14.



[*Licence to Trade No. 4.*]<sup>1</sup>

(In the right-hand margin appear the words

"PRO NAUI VOCATA LE EDWARD DE HAMPTON'")

DATED 30th December, 32 Henry VI<sup>th</sup> (1453)<sup>2</sup> At Westminster.

GRANTED on account of certain causes put before the King in Chancery, to William Keruer of London, merchant, or his agents or attornies.

SHIP 400 tons or less, with master and crew.

CARGO Lawful goods not appertaining to the Staple at Calais.

VOYAGE Aquitain and back.

PROVISO Due payment of customs etc.:

DURATION To the next Feast of the Nativity of St. John Baptist.

[*Folio 42 b.*] [*Licence to Trade No. 5.*]<sup>3</sup>

Vicecomes per  
Maiorem.

⟨1⟩ Henricus dei gracia Rex Anglie etc: Omnibus ad quos  
⟨2⟩ presentes littere peruenerint salutem Sciatis quod cum  
dilectus nobis Robertus Stowell' Armiger ⟨3⟩ per inimicos  
et aduersarios nostros in Comitua carissimi consanguinei  
nostri Iohannis nuper Comitis ⟨4⟩ Salop' in ducatu nostro  
Acquietan' nuper captus fuerit et ad grandem financiam cum  
custubus ⟨5⟩ et expensis positus quos minime soluere potest nec  
a manibus inimicorum suorum liberari ⟨6⟩ nisi per Consanguineos  
et amicos suos qui pannes [*sic*] et alias mercandisas sibi ex hac  
causa ⟨7⟩ tradere et mutuare volunt Nos premissa considerantes  
de gracia nostra speciali concessimus ⟨8⟩ predicto Roberto quod  
ipse per se vel per deputatum suum quociens sibi placuerit  
durante termine [*sic*] ⟨9⟩ presentium litterarum nostrarum  
quandam Nauem portagii ducentorum doliorum vel infra cum  
Magistris ⟨10⟩ et Marinariis pro gubernacione eiusdem  
sufficientibus a regno nostre [*sic*] Anglie ad partes quascumque  
⟨11⟩ vltra Marinas cum quibuscumque mercandisis et bonis  
ad Stapulam nostram Cales' minime spectantibus ⟨12⟩ et  
pertinentibus traducere et traduci facere possit et Nauem illam  
ibidem recarcare et recarcari ⟨13⟩ facere et in regnum nostrum

<sup>1</sup> Same general form as Licence to Trade No. 1.

<sup>2</sup> Enrolled in *Gascou Roll*, 32 Henry VI, m. 9, where there is no mention of the ship's name.

<sup>3</sup> Enrolled in *French Roll (Treaty Roll)* 32 Henry VI, m. 6, printed in Rymer's *Fœdera*, xi, 343.



Anglie reducere et reduci facere Prouiso semper quod de Custumis <14> et subsidiis ac aliis denariis nobis in hac parte debitis fideliter persoluatur aliquo statuto <15> actu ordinacione restriccionem aut aliqua alia re in contrarium factis vel faciendis non obstante <16> In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes per biennium duraturas <17> Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium quarto die Decembris anno regni nostri tricesimo secundo<sup>1</sup>

Rous'

[*Safe Conduct No. 3.*]

<18> Henricus dei gracia Rex Anglie etc : Vniuersis et singulis Admirallis <19> Capitaneis Castellanis et eorum loca tenentibus Custumariis custodibus portuum maris <20> et aliorum locorum maritimorum necnon Vicecomitibus Maioribus Balliuis Constabulariis <21> Ministris ac aliis fidelibus et subditis suis infra libertates et extra tam per terram quam <22> per mare constitutis ad quos presentes littere peruenerint salutem Sciatis quod de gracia nostra <23> speciali suscepimus in saluum et securum conductum nostrum ac in protectionem tuicionem et <24> defensionem nostras speciales quandam bargeam vocatam le Clement de Baion' portagii <25> Centum doliorum vel infra vnde Ianicot de Gerre est Magister diuersis bonis et mercan- <26> disis ac aliis harnesiis suis licitis quibuscumque carcatam in regnum nostrum Anglie ac <27> dominia Iurisdicciones et territoria nostra quecumque cum Magistro predicto ac viginti et <28> quatuor Marinariis vel infra tam per terram quam per mare et aquas saluo et secure <29> veniendo ibidem morando perhendingando conuersando et mercandisando eandem que bargeam de <30> eisdem bonis et mercandis in eisdem regno dominiis iurisdiccionibus siue territoriis discarcando <31> dictam que bargeam aliis mercandis licitis et ad Stapulam Calis' minime pertinentibus ibidem <32> recarcando et cum eadem sic recarcatam vna cum bonis et harnesiis suis predictis versus partes <33> suas proprias saluo et secure transeundo et redeundo aliqua Marqua contramarqua vel <34> reprisalia concessa vel concedenda non obstante Et ideo vobis mandamus quod bargeam <35> predictam in forma predicta carcatam in regnum dominia iurisdicciones et territoria nostra predicta cum <36> Magistro et Marinariis predictis in forma predicta veniendo ibidem morando perhendingando

<sup>1</sup> 1453.



*Folio 43, marked XLII.* <1> conuersando et mercandisando eandem que bargeam de eisdem bonis et mercandis in eisdem <2> regno dominiis iurisdiccionibus siue territoriis discarcando dictamque bargeam aliis mercandis <3> licitis et ad Stapulam Cales' minime pertinentibus ibidem recarcando et cum eadem sic recarcata <4> vna cum bonis et harnesiis predictis versus partes suas proprias vt predictum est transeundo <5> et redeundo manuteneatis protegatis et defendatis non inferentes eis vel inferri <6> permittentes iniuriam molestiam dampnum violenciam impedimentum aliquod <7> seu grauamen Et si quid eis vel eorum alicui forisfactum siue iniuriatum fuerit is [*sic*] <8> eis et eorum cuilibet sine dilacione debite corrigi et reformari faciatis Prouiso semper quod <9> nobis de Custumis subsidiis et aliis denariis nobis pro bonis et mercandis predictis <10> debitis fideliter respondeatur Et quod dicti Magister et Marinarii bene et honeste <11> se habeant et gerant erga nos et populum nostrum absque aliquo quod in nostri seu populi <12> nostri predicti preiudicium siue dampnum cedere valeat faciendo vel attemtando [*sic*] <13> quod que ipsi nullum Castrorum Fortaliticorum seu villarum nostrarum firmatarum absque eo quod <14> ipsi presentes litteras nostras de saluo conductu Capitaneis Maioribus seu gubernatoribus <15> eorundem primitus demonstrent ingrediantur quouis modo In cuius rei testimonium <16> has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes vsque festum Natiuitatis Sancti Iohannis Baptiste <17> proxime futurum duraturas Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium xiiij die decembris anno regni <18> nostri tricesimo secundo.<sup>1</sup>

per ipsum Regem et Consilium  
Rous'.

SAFE CONDUCT No. 4.<sup>2</sup>

DATED 14th December, 32 Henry VI (1453). At Westminster.

SHIP Barge *Le Floure de Baion'*.

TONNAGE Not exceeding 80 tons.

MASTER Guillam Arnold'.

CREW Not exceeding 24.

[*Folio 43 b.*] DURATION Until the next feast of St. John the Baptist.

ISSUED "Per consilium - Rous."

<sup>1</sup> 1453. Enrolled on *Gascon Roll*, 32 Henry VI, m. 8. This is the usual form of a safe conduct.

<sup>2</sup> Exactly the same form as Safe Conduct No. 3. Enrolled on *Gascon Roll*, 32 Henry VI, m. 8.



SAFE CONDUCT No. 5.<sup>1</sup>

DATE Undated.

SHIP Barge called *La Marie Marticot de Baion'*.

TONNAGE Not exceeding 120 tons.

MASTER John Peres.

CREW Not exceeding 30.

CARGO Any lawfull goods not appertaining to Staple at Calais.

PROVISO Usual.

DURATION Until the next Feast of St. John the Baptist.

Folio 44,  
marked  
XLIII.[*Safe Conduct No. 6.*]

⟨21⟩ Henricus dei gracia Rex Anglie etc: . . . vniuersis et singulis Admirallis Capitaneis etc: . . . salutem

⟨25⟩ Sciatis quod de gracia nostra speciali<sup>2</sup> ⟨27⟩ et de ausamento et assensu Concilii nostri ac ad humilem supplicacionem dilecti et fidelis ⟨28⟩ legeri nostri Willelmi Canynges mercatoris ville nostre Bristollie suscepimus in saluum et securum ⟨29⟩ conductum nostrum ac in protectionem tuicionem et defensionem nostras speciales unam Nauem de ⟨30⟩ hispan' vocatam le Marie de Saint Sebastian' portagii<sup>3</sup> quadringentorum doliorum ⟨31⟩ vel infra vnde Iohannes de la Rendre est. Magister cum bonis et mercandis Carcatam in regnum ⟨32⟩ nostrum Anglie et alias Iurisdicciones nostras cum mercatoribus Magistro et Marinariis eiusdem ad ⟨33⟩ numerum quaterviginti personarum vel infra necnon aliis rebus et harnesiis suis quibuscumque ⟨34⟩ pro defensione eiusdem veniendo ibidem morando nocte die que perhendinando ac bona et.

Folio 44 b.] ⟨1⟩ mercandis huiusmodi vendendo ac Nauem predictam cum bonis et mercandis lictis ad stapulam nostram ⟨2⟩ Cales' non pertinentibus recarcando et cum eisdem ac Magistro mercatoribus et Marinariis in Naui ⟨3⟩ predicta pro tempore existentibus versus partes suas proprias redeundo et sic in regnum nostrum predictum ⟨4⟩ ac in Iurisdicciones nostras predictas et exinde versus partes predictas in forma predicta tocians ⟨5⟩ quociens eis placuerit durante presenti saluo conductu nostro libere et absque impedimento aliquo ⟨6⟩ reueniendo et redeundo, aliqua Marca contramarqua siue reprisalia concessa vel conce-⟨7⟩denda aut eo

<sup>1</sup> Same general form as Safe Conduct No. 3.

<sup>2</sup> Line 26: *Suscipimus in saluum et securum conductum nostrum ac in protectionem tuicionem et defensionem, struck through.*

<sup>3</sup> quadro, *struck through.*



quod expressa mencio de possessore eiusdem nauis in presentibus facta non <8> existit non obstante

[*Mandamus in the usual form follows, with proviso as in Safe Conduct No. 3, but with the following addition :*]

<26> Prouiso eciam quod si contingat aliquem predictorum Magistri mercatorum seu Marinariorum presentem <27> saluum conductum nostrum infringere nolumus tamen aliis predictum saluum conductum nostrum <28> minime infringentibus aliquod preiudicium generari Set illi vel illis sic infringenti vel <29> infringentibus In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes per <30> biennium duraturas Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium xxj die Nouembris anno regni <31> nostri tricesimo secundo.<sup>1</sup>

Per Consilium, Godynge

*Folio XLV.* GRANT NO. 1.<sup>2</sup>

DATED: 19th January, 1385.

PARTIES:—

1) Isabella, daughter and heir of John de Lym, formerly burgess of Bristol.

2) Richard Panes, Burgess of Bristol.

PARCELS:—The Reversion to all the lands and tenements with their appurtenances situate in the suburb of Bristol upon the quay and lying between a lane leading from the quay to "Merschestret" and a tenement of John Borne, and in depth extending from the quay to a tenement formerly belonging to Richard Deverell', and which lands and tenements John Roper, executor of the will of John Besille, held in execution of a statute staple.

HABENDUM Richard Panes, his heirs and assigns.

RENT After John Roper's term was ended, a rent of 30s. 4d. to Isabella during her life, payable half yearly at Hokday and at the feast of St. Michael.

WARRANTY Usual.

SEALED By both parties, and since their seals were unknown to many persons the deed was sealed with the official seal of the mayor.

<sup>1</sup> This Safe Conduct is enrolled on the *French Roll (Treaty Roll)*, 32 Henry VI, m. 10 (1453).

<sup>2</sup> In the right margin appear the words "Carta Isabelle filie et heredis Iohannis de Lym' quondam burgensis Bristoll' facta Ricardo Panes heredibus et assignatis suis de reuersione omnium terrarum et tenementorum que quondam fuerunt Iohannis Lym' in Bristoll'."



## WITNESSES :—

Walter Derby, mayor.  
 Thomas Sampson', sheriff.  
 John Yong' } bailiffs and chamberlains.  
 William Solers. }  
 Walter Tedistille.  
 John Sloo.  
 John Brit.  
 John Candever.  
 John Fulbroke.  
 William Wermynstre.  
 Edmund Beauflour.  
 and many others.

RELEASE No I.<sup>1</sup>

DATED : 29th January, 1385.

## PARTIES :—

- 1) Isabella (daughter of John de Lym), otherwise called Elizabeth.
- 2) { John Roper.  
 { Richard Panes.

RELEASE To John Roper and Richard Panes and the heirs and assigns of Richard.

PARCELS:—All Isabella's right and claim in property mentioned in the last preceding grant saving rent of 30s. 4d. mentioned therein.

WARRANTY Usual.

*Folio*  
 XLV b.] SEALED by Isabella, and since her seal was unknown to many persons the deed was sealed with the official seal of the mayor.

## WITNESSES :—

Walter Derby, mayor.  
 Thomas Sampson', sheriff.  
 John Yonge } bailiffs and chamberlains.  
 William Solers }  
 William Wermynstre.  
 Edmund Beauflour.  
 John Brit.  
 and many others.

<sup>1</sup> In the right margin appear the words "Relaxacio predicte Isabelle facta Ricardo Panes de terris et tenementis predictis."



DEED OF ATTORNMENT (in French).

DATED 21st January, 1385.

MADE BY John Roper burgess of Bristol.

RECITALS :—

- 1) The Grant by Isabella, daughter and heir of John de Lym, to Richard Panes.<sup>1</sup>
- 2) That John Roper held the property referred to in such grant, by virtue of a Statute Staple for £120 made in favour of John Besille (whose executor John Roper was) before the mayor of the Staple at Bristol.

OPERATIVE WORDS :—

That John Roper attorned to Richard Panes, saving his rights by virtue of the Statute Staple.

SEALING The deed was in duplicate, one part being sealed by John Roper, the other part by Richard Panes, and both parts by the mayor with his official seal.

WITNESSES :—

Walter Derby, mayor.

Thomas Sampson, sheriff.

John Tonge }  
William Solers } Bailiffs and chamberlains.

Walter Tedistille.

John Sloo.

John Brit.

John Candever.

John Fulbroke.

William Wermynstre.

Edmund Beauflour.

and many others.

*Folio XLVI.* GRANT NO. 2.<sup>2</sup>

DATED 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1385.

PARTIES :—

- 1) William Bierden' of Bristol.  
Agnes, his wife.
- 2) John Bierden'.  
John Deye, priest.

<sup>1</sup> See p. 192.

<sup>2</sup> In the right margin appear the words "Scriptum factum per Willelmum Bierden'."



## RECITALS :—

- 1) John Wattis and Alicia, his wife, held for the term of their life a messuage in the suburb of Bristol on the quay, between a tenement formerly belonging to John Cobyndon' on the one side, and a tenement formerly belonging to Robert Gyen on the other, and which extended from the street to a lane called Bastwallys.
- 2) Walter Samford, cutler, and Johanna, his wife, held for their lives a messuage in the suburb of Bristol in "Kenyfsmythstret," between a tenement formerly belonging to Robert Cheddre, which William Somersete lately held, on the one side and a tenement belonging to Christine Grover on the other, and which extended from such street to the tenement of the master and fraternity of St. Mark of Billeswyke, and which messuage once belonged to Geoffrey Medelane.
- 3) William Grene, hooper, and Alicia, his wife, and Isabella, his daughter, held for their lives a messuage in the town of Bristol in St. Nicholas Street, lying between a tenement belonging to Walter Derby, in which John Candever was then living, on the one side and a tenement which Robert Broun, butcher, held on the other, and which messuage formerly belonged to Robert Snowe.
- 4) John Spracman and Agnes, his wife, and Thomas Quenyngton', rector of the church of St. Laurence, held for their lives two parts of a messuage situate in the suburb of Bristol on the quay, between the Church of St. Laurence and the gate of St. Giles.
- 5) Walter Stodley and Elena, his wife, held for their lives a messuage in "Kenyfsmythstret," lying between a tenement formerly belonging to Eborard le Frensch' on the one side and one formerly belonging to William de Boys on the other, and extending from the said street to the tenement of William de Boys.
- 6) Thomas Malverne, senior, held for his life a messuage in the suburb of Bristol in "Fromebruggestret", lying between a messuage once belonging to Stephen Comyn on the one side and a messuage once belonging to John de Arderne on the other, and extending from "Fromebruggestret" to the river Frome.



- 7) John Lupyate, bowyer, and John, his son, held for their lives three shops in the town of Bristol in "Bradstret," lying between tenements formerly belonging to John Adrian, and extending from the said street to the tenement in which John Taillour once lived.
- 8) The Reversion in all the above was vested in the parties of the first part.
- 9) The Parties of the first part held in demesne a third part of one of the messuages<sup>1</sup> in right of Agnes Bierden'.

PARCELS :—

The one-third share held in demesne and the reversions in the other properties and of the rents arising therefrom.

HABENDUM

To the parties of the second part and their assigns (word "heirs" omitted).

WARRANTY

Usual. Given by William Bierden' and Agnes, his wife, for themselves and for the heirs of Agnes.

SEALED by all the parties and with the seal of the mayor.

WITNESSES :—

William Canynges, mayor.

Sir Thomas Broke.

Sir Thomas Arthur.

John Viell'.

Walter Tedistill'.

William Combe.

and many others.

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RELEASE NO. 2.

DATED 4th December, 1385.

PARTIES :—

- 1) Richard Brokworth', weaver and burgess of Bristol.
- 2) Edmund de Tetisworth', King's Serjeant at Arms.

PARCELS :—

Property at Farnham, Surrey, formerly belonging to Nicholas Brokworth.

<sup>1</sup> *i.e.* the messuage between the Church of St. Laurence and St. Giles Gate.



WARRANTY Usual

SEALED by Richard Brokworth', and with the official seal of the mayor.

WITNESSES :—

William Canynges, mayor.  
 John Somerwell', sheriff.  
 Reginald Toukere } bailiffs and chamberlains.  
 John Bryt }  
 Walter Derby.  
 Thomas Beaupyne.  
 and many others.

CHARTER OF FEOFFMENT No. 3.<sup>1</sup>

DATED 3rd November, 1385.

PARTIES :—

- 1) John Bount, burgess of Bristol.
  - 2) John Parker } clerks  
 William Elys }
- John Caunterbury, burgess of Bristol.

PARCELS :—

All lands, tenements and rents in Bristol and the suburb, belonging to John Bount.

HABENDUM

Parties of the second part, their heirs and assigns.

WARRANTY Usual.

SEALED by John Bount, and with the official seal of the mayor.

WITNESSES :—

William Canynges, mayor.  
 John Somerwell', sheriff.  
 Reginald Taillour } bailiffs and chamberlains.  
 John Bryt }  
 Thomas Beaupyne.  
 John Canynges.  
 William Mors.  
 and many others.

<sup>1</sup> In the right margin appear the words "Carta Johannis Bount facta Iohanni Parker Willelmo Elys clericis et Iohanni Caunterbury de omnibus terris et tenementis ac redditibus suis in villa Bristoll' et in suburbio eiusdem ville."



[*Folio* GRANT No. 3.  
XLVII.] DATED 28th January, 1386

## PARTIES :—

- |                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| 1) John Bryt             | } Churchwardens of the Church of St.         |
| Walter Sturmy            |  |
| 2) Isabella (daughter of | } Joined as consenting parties. <sup>1</sup> |
| John Lyme).              |  |
| John Viel                |  |
| Walter Tedistille        |  |
| Robert Gardyner          |  |
| John Sloo                |  |
| 3) Richard Panys.        |  |

## RECITALS :—

- 1) The late John Lyme of Bristol had left by his will a hall, with a large cellar and other rooms attached, in the suburb of Bristol to Emmotte, his wife, for her life and after her death to his daughters, Isabelle and Alice, and the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten, but provided that if they should die without such heirs, the premises were to be sold by the churchwardens of St. Stephen's Church for the time being and four trustworthy men of the parish.
- 2) Emmotte had died, and Alicie had died also, without heirs of her body.
- 3) The premises had fallen into serious disrepair, so that the intentions of the testator were likely to be defeated.

## PARCELS :—

The above recited premises.

HABENDUM To Richard Panys, his heirs and assigns after the death of Isabel.

WARRANTY None.

SEALED By the parties of the 1st part, and with the official seal of the mayor.

## WITNESSES :—

William Canynges, mayor.  
John Somerwell', sheriff.  
Elias Spelly.  
John Candever.  
William Wermynstre.  
John Barstaple.  
John Stephenys.  
and many others.

<sup>1</sup> The deed reads as follows :—

" Noveritis nos tam ex consensu predictæ Isabelle quam Iohannis Viel Walteri Tedistill' Roberti Gardyner et Iohannis Sloo hominum fide-dignorum parochialis ecclesie predictæ ac omnium aliorum parochianorum  
... "



[Folio  
XLVII b.] RELEASE No. 3.<sup>1</sup>  
DATED 5th February, 1386.

This is a release by Isabella (daughter and heir of John Lym) otherwise known as Elizabeth, to Richard Panys of the property comprised in Grant No. 1.

GRANT No. 4.

DATED 8th January 1386.

PARTIES :—

- 1) Isabella Arthur, daughter and heir of Roger Turtle, "in pura viduetate et plena potestate mea."
- 2) Edmund Arthur and Johanna, his wife.

PARCELS :—

- a) 10s. rents of assize, issuing out of a tenement held by William Wermynstre in the suburb of Bristol near Brodemedede, situate between the tenements of John Frensch' de Clopton' and the Abbot of Keynesham.
- b) Rents and services issuing out of a tenement in Bradstret held by Walter Frompton' and Isabella, his wife, for their lives, situate between the tenement in which the said Walter Frompton lived and the tenement of Richard Cobyndon', in which William Castel lived.
- c) Rents and services owed by Walter Derby and Johanna, his wife, in respect of a tenement held by them for their lives, and situate between St. Leonard's Gate and a tenement of which Johanna Brompton' was tenant.
- d) Rents and services owed by Johanna Brompton' for a tenement held for her life, and situate between a tenement of Walter Derby near St. Leonard's Gate and tenements of Elias Spelly.
- e) Rents and services owed by John Cole and Margery, his wife, for a tenement held by them for their lives and situate at the corner of St. Mary Street, between tenements of William Somerwell' and of Hugh Carleton'.
- f) Rents and services owed by John Dryngwater, bowyer, and Alicia, his wife, for a tenement in Bradestret held by them for their lives, situate between the tenements of Walter Frompton' and of John Taillour Langelee.
- g) Rents and services which Robert Waterleder and Edith, his wife, owed for a tenement held by them for the life of

<sup>1</sup> The object of this release is not very apparent since Isabella had already released the same property to John Roper and Richard Panes by Release No. 1.



[Folio  
XLVIII.]

Edith, in Wynchestret, and situate between tenements of William Somerwell' and Walter Combehawey.

- h) Rents and services owed by Walter Combehawey for a tenement in Wynchestret, held by him for his life, and situate between the tenements of Robert Waterleder and the tenement in which John Plomer lived as tenant of John Toryton'.
- i) Rents and services owed by Johanna Stokes for 26 acres of arable land held by her for her life, in the suburb of Bristol known as Redelonde.

#### HABENDUM

To hold the said rents and services and reversions, subject to the above mentioned life tenancies, to Edmund Arthur and Johanna, his wife, and the heirs of their bodies, of Isabella Arthur for the service of one rose if demanded. In default of such issue the said rents, services and reversions to revert to Isabella Arthur and her heirs.

#### WARRANTY Usual.

SEALED by Isabella Arthur, and also with the official seal of the mayor.

#### WITNESSES :—

William Canynges, mayor.

John Somerwell', sheriff.

{ John Brit  
Reginald Touker } bailiffs and chamberlains

Elias Spelly.

William Frome.

and others.

#### GRANT NO. 5.

DATED as in last deed.

#### PARTIES :—

- 1) Isabella Arthur (in pura viduitate, etc : as in last deed)
- 2) Edmund Arthur and Johanna, his wife.

#### PARCELS :—

- 1) Rent of assize payable annually by William Somerwell' for a house in St. Mary Street, and amounting to 10s. during the life of William Halibrond', and thereafter to 13s. 4d.
- 2) Rent of assize of 16s. payed by Elias Spelly for a tenement in Balwynstret.
- 3) Rent and services owed by Walter Frompton' and Isabella, his wife, for a tenement in Bradstret situate between the tenements of Richard Cobyndon' and John Dryngwater,



bowyer, and which tenement was held by them for their lives, together with reversion on the death of the life tenants.

[Folio 48 b.] HABENDUM To Edmund Arthur and Johanna, his wife, and the heirs and assigns of Edmund.

WARRANTY Usual.

SEALED By Isabella Arthur, and with the official seal of the mayor.

WITNESSES As in last deed.

LICENCE TO TRADE No. 6.

DE TEMPORE ROBERTI STURMY ANNO REGNI REGIS  
HENRICI SEXTI TRICESIMO SECUNDO

<13> Henricus dei gracia Rex Anglie etc : . . . Vniuersis et singulis Admirallis <14> Capitaneis Castellanis etc : . . . <16> Sciatis quod de gracia nostra speciali licenciam <17> dedimus Iohanni Sharpp' seniori de Bristollia marchaunt' quod ipse per se aut deputatos suos vnam Nauem por-<18>-tagii Trescentorum doliorum vel infra vel duas naues vtrumque earum portagii Centum et sexaginta doliorum vel <19> infra cum bonis et mercandis licitis tociens quociens sibi placuerit durante presenti licencia nostra carcare et cum <20> ea vel eis sic carcatis ac Magistris et Marinariis sub gubernacione eiusdem siue earumdem competentibus versus Ciui-<21>-tates nostras Burdegal' vel Baion' transire ac bona et mercandisas illa ibidem vendere ac alia bona et mercan-<22>-disas ibidem emere et in nauibus seu nauibus predictis carcare et cum eisdem in regnum nostrum Anglie venire possit <23> licite et impune Nolentes quod idem Iohannes aut deputati sui predicti vel Magistri et marinarii predicti aut eorum <24> aliquis per nos aut Officiarios seu ministros nostros quoscumque pro premissis seu aliquo premissorum impetantur <25> in aliquo seu grauentur impetatur molestetur in aliquo seu grauetur aliquo statuto actu ordinacione restriccionem <26> proclamacione vel inhibicione in contrarium editis siue factis non obstante Prouiso semper quod predictus Iohannes <27> custumas subsidia et alia denaria nobis pro mercandis tam extra regnum nostrum predictum eductis quam ad idem Regnum nostrum <28> adducendis debita de tempore in tempus fideliter soluat In cuius rei testimonium has litteras fieri fecimus patentes <29> per vnum annum duraturas Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium xvij die Iulii anno regni nostri Tricesimo secundo.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 1454. Enrolled on *Gascon Roll*, 29-30 Henry VI, m. 3, where the date is 18th July, 30 Henry VI.



*Folio*  
XLIX.

CHARTER OF FEOFFMENT NO. 4.

DATED 9th July, 1386.

PARTIES :—

- 1) James le Botiller, Earl of Ormond'.
- 2) Richard Talbot, Knight, Lord of Blakemere.  
John Faleslee, Knight.  
John de Waltham, Archdeacon of Richmond.  
William de Dyghton', clerk.

PARCELS :—

The Manor of Aylesbury in the county of Buckinghamshire with all its' appurtenances.

HABENDUM To the Parties of the second part, their heirs and assigns.

WARRANTY Usual.

SEALED By James le Botiller.

WITNESSES :—

Richard Lescrop', Knight.  
Henry Lescrop', Knight.  
Stephen Lescrop', Knight.  
Roger Lescrop', Knight.  
John de Aillesbury, Knight.  
and others.

An Indenture dated the 13th July, 1386, which witnessed that the Earl of Ormond' had delivered to Thomas Forde, clerk, a charter to enfeoff Richard Talbot, John Faleslee, John de Waltham and William de Dyghton (the parties mentioned in the last deed) of the Manor of Aylesbury, on condition that they should re-enfeoff the Earl of Ormond and Lady Anne, his wife, according to the provisions of the charter.

[*Folio*  
XLIX b.]

GRANT NO. 6.

DATED 20th March, 1387.

PARTIES :—

- 1) William Lenche, clerk.  
Edmund Arthur.
- 2) Isabella Arthur de Clopton'.

PARCELS :—

- a) Reversion in a messuage and one carucate of land at Auste, in the County of Gloucester, subject to life interest of Johanna Stoke.



- b) Reversion in two messuages and one carucate of land at Stapleton' and Horefeld' in the County of Gloucester, subject to the life interest of Johanna Stoke.
- c) Reversion in lands, tenements, rents and services in Aschton' in the County of Somerset, subject to a similar life interest.
- d) Reversion in five messuages in the suburb of Bristol in Redeclyvestret, between a messuage then lately built by Walter Studley and the messuage of John Stamford, subject to a similar life interest.
- e) Rents and services owed by William Gyen, touker, and Christina, his wife, in respect of a messuage in Templestret, situate between a messuage belonging to the Lord of Berkeley and a messuage formerly belonging to Robert Cheddre, and which messuage William Gyen and his wife held for their lives, together with the reversion of such messuage when the life estate determined.
- f) Rents and services owed by Stephen Reve and his wife, Margery, for a messuage held by Margery for her life, situate at the corner of High Street between a messuage then lately built by Hugh Carleton' and the shops of William Somerwell' in the street of the Blessed Mary de Foro with the reversion of the messuage after the death of Margery.
- g) Rents and services owed by Walter Portlond, Amicia, his wife, and Henry, their son, for a messuage held by them for their lives in Gropelane, between the messuage of Walter Frompton' and the land of the master of the Hospital of St. John, Bristol, with the reversion on the determination of the life interests.
- h) Rents and services owed by Walter Frompton' and Isabella, his wife, for a messuage in Bradstret, situate between the messuages of Richard Cobyndon and John Bruggewater, with the reversion etc :
- i) Rents and services owed by Hugh Carleton' and Edith, his wife, for a messuage in Leowynesmede, and held by them for their lives, which messuage was situate between the messuages of Thomas Carpenter, webber, and Hugh Carleton', with the reversion etc :
- j) Rents and services owed by John Wynchechestre and Isabella, his wife, for a messuage in Lewynismede held by them for their lives, and situate between a messuage belonging to Richard Asch' and a messuage formerly belonging to William Schelve, together with the reversion etc :



- [*Folio L.*] k) Rents and services owed by Johanna Veel for a messuage in Lewynismede held by her for her life, and situate between the messuages of John Wynchestre and Robert Pym, together with the reversion etc :
- l) Rents and services owed by John Godyer for a shop in Balwynstret held by him for his life, and situate between the tenements of Nicholas Skynner and Isabella Arthur, together with the reversion etc :
- m) Rents and services owed by Nicholas Skynner, Adam Blecche and Stephen Skynner for a shop and two upper stories in Balwynstret held by them for their lives, and situate between the messuage of Elias Spelly and the shop of John Godyer, with the reversion etc :
- n) Reversion to half of a messuage situate upon Redclyve Hill between the curtilage of St. Mary Redclyve and a messuage of John Frensch, which half John Frensch held for his life.
- o) A garden in Bradstret behind a tenement called 'Hasardis-tenement,' then held by John Ailly.
- p) 10s. rent of assize issuing out of a tenement in Cornstret held by Anketill Moygne for his life, and situate between the messuages of Thomas Clerk, merchant, and Robert Cheddre.
- q) 9s. 6d. rent of assize issuing out of a tenement at the corner of Cornstret, held by John Candever for his life.
- r) A rent of assize of 18 silver pence issuing out of a tenement in Balwynstret opposite the Cross, held by Thomas Danyel.
- s) A rent of assize of 12 silver pence issuing out of a garden in the street called "Blessed Marie de Foro," held by William Frome.
- t) 8s. rent of assize issuing out of a tenement in Kenyfsmythstret, held by Walter Power.
- u) 2s. 10d. rent of assize issuing out of land in Redelond held by Alicia Dene.
- v) Half an acre of land in Redelond held by Henry Calf.
- w) Half an acre of land in the same place held by Alan Wryngton'.
- x) A garden lying outside Lasfardysyate held by Edith, widow of the late John Scryveyn.

## HABENDUM

- a) To Isabella Arthur for life ; and after her death



- b) To Thomas Arthur, Knight, and Isabella, his wife, and the heirs of their bodies ; and in default of such heirs  
 c) To the right heirs of Isabella Arthur for ever.

[*Folio L b.*] SEALED by all parties, and with the official mayoral seal.

WITNESSES :—

Thomas Knap', mayor.

Peter atte Barugh', sheriff.

William Frome

Thomas atte Haii } bailiffs and chamberlains.

William Canynges.

Elias Spelly.

Thomas Beaupyne.

John Vyel.

Thomas Sampson.

and many others.

DEED OF CONFIRMATION NO. I.

DATED March 29th, 1387.

INSPEXIMUS BY Thomas Arthur, Knight, son of Isabella Arthur,  
 of Grant No. 4<sup>1</sup> and confirmation thereof except as to  
 the tenement in which John Cole and his wife Margery  
 lived, situate at the corner of St. Marystret.

SEALED BY Thomas Arthur and by the mayor.

[*Folio LI b.*] <1> Richardus dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus  
 Patens Regis Hibernie Vniuersis et singulis Admi-<2>-rallis et eorum loca  
 Ricardi fact' tenentibus vicecomitibus Maioribus Collectoribus quorumcumque  
 Maiori Iuratis <3> custumarum et subsidiorum in singulis portubus regni nostri  
 Centum Anglie ac Contrarotu-<4>-latoribus eorundem custumarum et  
 Paribus et subsidiorum qui nunc sunt vel qui pro tempore fuerint Balliuis  
 Communitati <5> Ministris et aliis fidelibus suis ad quos presentes littere  
 Ciuitatis <6> Ministeris et aliis fidelibus suis ad quos presentes littere  
 Baion' de <7> vtilia obsequia que dilecti et  
 iij d. de libra <8> fideles sui Maior Iurati Centum Pares et Communitas Ciuitatis  
 Oneranda <9> sue Baionie sibi et progenitoribus suis non sine laboribus et  
 sumptibus onerosis multipliciter <10> impederant in fidelitate  
 sua et domus sue regie magnanimiter persistentes consideracionem  
 <10> habens et proinde volens eis gratiam facere in hac parte

<sup>1</sup> Above, p. 199.



per cartam suam quam confirmauimus <11> concesserit pro se et heredibus suis prefatis Maiori Iuratis Centum Paribus et Communitati quod ipsi <12> et eorum Conciues Mercatores et subditi nostri de Ciuitate predicta et eorum singuli ac eorum heredes <13> et successores Ciues et Mercatores Ciuitatis illius infra dictum regnum nostrum Anglie hanc habeant <14> libertatem perpetuus [*sic*] temporibus duraturam videlicet quod de solucione trium denariorum de libra de bonis <15> et mercimoniis suis que ipsos vel eorum aliquem infra idem regnum nostrum ducere seu de eodem <16> educere contigerit sint imperpetuum exonerati penitus et quieti sicut per inspectionem rotulorum <17> Cancellarie ipsius Aui nostri nobis constat ; Vobis mandamus quod omnes et singulos Ciues <18> et Mercatores Ciuitatis predictae et eorum quemlibet de solucione trium denariorum de libra de <19> bonis et mercimoniis suis que ipsos seu eorum aliquem infra idem regnum nostrum ducere <20> seu de eodem educere contigerit in quibuscumque portubus regni nostri Anglie quietos esse <21> permittatis iuxta tenorem carte ipsius Aui nostri et confirmacione [*sic*] nostre predictarum Et distric-<22>-tionem si quam eis seu eorum alicui ea occasione feceritis sine dilacione relaxari Et si quid <23> ab eis seu eorum aliquo occasione predicta leuaueritis id eis rest[itu]i faciatis indilate Teste me <24> ipso apud Westmonasterium xx die Augusti anno regni nostri secundo.  
per billam de consilio Muskham

<25> Nos autem litteras predictas et omnia contenta in eisdem rata habentes et grata ea pro nobis <26> et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est imperpetuum acceptamus ratificamus approbamus et <27> tenore presencium confirmauimus prout littere predictae plenius testantur ; Volentes insuper et conce-<28>-dentes pro nobis et heredibus [*sic*] nostris quod prefati Maior Jurati<sup>1</sup> Centum Pares et <29> Communitas dicte Ciuitatis nostre Baionie et successores sui omnibus et singulis aliis libertatibus <30> quietanciis liberis consuetudinibus et priuilegiis per Cartas progenitorum nostrorum quondam <31> Regum Anglie eis seu predecessoribus suis concessis vti et gaudere valeant iuxta tenorem <32> cartarum eorundem prout eis vti debent ipsique et predecessores sui eiusdem Ciuitatis libertatibus <33> quietanciis liberis consuetudinibus et priuilegiis predictis semper hactenus a tempore confectionis <34> cartarum eorundem racionabiliter vti

<sup>1</sup> sunt, *struck through*.



et gaudere consueuerunt In cuius rei testimonium has <35> litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes Dat' apud Westmonasterium primo die Augusti Anno <36> regni nostri secundo

per billam de Magno consilo Muskham

*Folio LII.*  
Quod  
tenentes de  
Mere quieti  
sint de  
Theoloneo

<1> Ricardus dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Vniuersis et Singulis Vicecomitibus <2> Maioribus Balliuis et Ministris Ciuitatum Burgorum villarum et aliorum locorum infra <3> regnum nostrum Anglie quorumcumque tam infra libertates quam extra ad quos presentes littere <4> peruenerint salutem ; Ex parte dilectorum tenencium nostrorum Manerii nostri de Mere quod est parcella <5> Ducatus nostri Cornub' nobis est ostensum ; quod licet iidem tenentes et omnes antecessores sui tenentes <6> Manerii predicti a tempore cuius contrarii memoria non existit, quieti esse consueuerint a prestacione <7> theolonei per totum regnum nostrum Anglie ; iidem tamen tenentes ad soluendum theoloneum de bonis et <8> rebus suis ad diuersa loca infra idem regnum adducatis et exinde delatis in eisdem locis grauiter <9> distringuntur et ea occasione multipliciter inquietantur minus iuste in nostri preiudicium et ipsorum tenencium <10> dampnum non modicum et grauamen ; Et quia per quandam certificacionem coram nobis in Cancellaria <11> nostra per Thesaurarium et Barones de scaccario nostro de mandato nostro missam compertum est in rotulis de <12> extentis terrarum Edmundi quondam Comitis Cornub' in Comitatu videlicet Wiltes' inter alia quod predictus <13> Edmundus tenuit die quo obiit de domino Rege in Capite Manerium de Mere cum pertinenciis in dominico suo <14> vt de feodo et eciam in particulis compoti Thome de Sancto Mauro nuper vicecomitis Wiltes' et sociorum suorum <15> nuper Collectorum auxilii domino Edwardo nuper Regi Anglie Auo nostro concessi ad primogenitum filium suum <16> Militem faciendum videlicet de quolibet feodo Militis quadraginta solidos in dicto Comitatu Wiltes' quod dicti <17> Collectores onerarunt se inter alia de quadraginta solidis pro Manerio de Mere quod Princeps Cornub' <18> tunc tenuit pro vno feodo Militis ; ac eciam per quandam aliam certificacionem coram nobis in eadem <19> Cancellaria nostra per Maiorem et Balliuos Ciuitatis Noue Sarum de mandato nostro missam compertum <20> est quod tenentes nostri de Mere cum bonis et rebus suis ad Ciuitatem predictam venientes quieti <21> sint et esse debeant de theoloneo pro bonis et rebus suis predictis in Ciuitate illa prestando eo quod <22> nullum



theoloneum ab aliquo tenente predicti Manerii de Mere ad Ciuitatem illam veniente cum <23> bonis seu rebus suis ibidem prestandum exigitur nec ab antiquo exigi recepi seu solui solebat quouismodo <24> eo quod predictum Manerium de Mere fuit et est parcella dicti Ducatus Cornub'. Vobis mandamus quod ab <25> huiusmodi districcionibus et inquietacionibus prefatis tenentibus occasione premissa decetero faciendis desistentes <26> ipsos de huiusmodi theoloneo vobis de bonis et rebus suis prestando quietos esse permittatis prout inde <27> quieti esse debent et ipsi et antecessores sui predicti de huiusmodi theoloneo a tempore predicto hucusque quieti <28> esse consueuerunt Et districcionem siquam eis vel eorum alicui occasione premissa feceritis sine dilacione relaxari faciatis eisdem Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium xj die Maii Anno regni nostri tertio.

Barton'

[Folio LII b.] (GRANT No. 7.)

DATED : 20th March, 1387.

PARTIES

- 1) John Deye, chaplain.
- 2) Agnes, wife of William Bierden' and others.

RECITALS

- a) That a fine had been levied in the Guildhall of Bristol before Walter Derby, mayor, and Thomas Sampson', sheriff, and others in the year 1385, between William Bierden' and Agnes, his wife (formerly the wife of William Cheddre, and daughter of John Horncastell', the elder) as querents. (Agnes by her attorney, Thomas Wyke) and John Yong' and Johanna, his wife, deforcians, whereby the deforcians purported to grant to the querents certain messuages, tenements and shops including those tenements which were the subject of the present grant.
- b) That it might appear from the fine as though the deforcians had been really seised of such messuages, tenements and shops at the time of the fine whereas in fact the querents were previously seised in right of the said Agnes.
- c) That by levying the said fine Agnes had no intention of abandoning her right in any of such property or of suggesting any feoffment gift, or charter in favour of the deforcians.
- d) That therefore, and notwithstanding the fine levied in Bristol, William Bierden' and Agnes his wife had levied a fine in the court of Common Pleas in 1386 whereby they



had granted to John Bierden' and John Deye and the heirs of John Bierden' :—

- 1) Two parts of one messuage and a third part of another messuage in the suburb of Bristol.
- 2) One third of the first mentioned messuage, of which Thomas Cornwale was life tenant.
- 3) Two thirds of the second mentioned messuage of which John Sprakman, Agnes his wife, and Thomas Quenyngton', parson of St. Laurence's Church, were life tenants.
- 4) A messuage of which Thomas Godefelow, chaplain, John Vynger and Agnes, his wife, were life tenants.
- 5) A messuage of which John Hanam and his wife, Juliana, were life tenants.
- 6) A messuage of which Walter Stodeley and Ellen, his wife, were life tenants.
- 7) A messuage of which Thomas Malverne, senior, was life tenant.

(All of the above tenements being in the suburb.)

- 8) Three shops in Bristol of which John Lupyate, bowyer, and his son, John, were life tenants.
- e) That all the above properties, after the death of the respective life tenants, ought to revert to William Bierden' and Agnes, his wife, and her heirs.
- f) That all the tenants had attorned to John Bierden' and John Deye by the payment of 1d. in the name of attornment, as testified by sealed writings.
- g) That John Bierden' had released all his rights to John Deye and his heirs.

*Folio* LIII.

#### OPERATIVE PART

John Deye granted all the above premises with the rents then arising therefrom :—

#### HABENDUM

- a) To Agnes Bierden' for her life, and after her death,
- b) To Richard Overton', Nicholas Tyntenhull', William Sambrukis, John Eyr, John Bierdene, Thomas Rookis and the heirs and assigns of John Bierdene and Thomas Rookis.

#### WARRANTY Usual.

SEALED as to one part by John Deye and as to the other part by Agnes, and in each case by the mayor.

#### WITNESSES

Thomas Knap', mayor, Peter atte Barugh, sheriff, William Frome and Thomas atte Haye, bailiffs, Elias Spelly, John Viell', John Prischton', etc.



(CHARTER OF FEOFFMENT No. 5.)

DATED: 1st April, 1387.

PARTIES

- 1) John Deye, chaplain.
- 2) Agnes Bierden', wife of William Bierden'.

PARCELS

- a) One third of a messuage on the quay situate between the tenements of which Thomas Quenyngton', and John and Agnes Sprakman were life tenants, and extending from a lane leading from Smalstret to St. Laurence Church, to a lane leading from the quay to Knyfsmynthstret, and which John Bremmysgrove, John Prischton', John Richards, John Forster, chaplain, Edmond Arthur and Richard Minde, baker, then held as tenants at will.
- [Folio LIIIb.] b) Two thirds of a messuage situate in the suburb in Pilestret, between a tenement of which Thomas Cornwale was life tenant, and a tenement formerly belonging to Geoffrey Beauflour, which messuage extended from Pilestret to Lawdiche, and was once held by William Baker, Dionisia, his wife, and Christine, his daughter, for their lives.

HABENDUM

- a) To Agnes Bierden' for her life and after her death,
- b) To Richard Overton, John Eir, John Bierden', Edmund Bierden' and Thomas Rookis, and the heirs and assigns of John Bierden', Edmond Bierden' and Thomas Rookis.

WARRANTY Usual.

SEALED BY John Deye, and the mayor.

WITNESSES

Thomas Knap', mayor, Peter atte Barugh', sheriff, William Frome and Thomas atte Haye, bailiffs and chamberlains, Elias Spelly, John Viell', John Candever, John Sloo, John Prischton' etc :

Appointment of Attornies to deliver seisin annexed to Charter of Feoffment No. 5.

DATED: 1st April, 1387.

APPOINTOR: John Deye, chaplain.

APPOINTEES

John Sely.  
Thomas Grede.  
Robert Maket'ese.

To place Agnes Bierdene in seisin of the premises mentioned in the Charter of Feoffment No. 5.

SEALED BY John Deye and the mayor.



*folio* LIIII. RELEASE No. 4.

DATED : Saturday in the feast of St. Margaret, 11 Richard II.

PARTIES

- 1) William Louecok', towker, and burgess of Bristol.
- 2) John Poulesham, burgess of Bristol.

A general release of actions, real and personal, by the first party to the second.

SEALED BY William Louecok' and the mayor.

RELEASE No. 5.

DATED : Saturday in the feast of St. Margaret, 11 Richard II.

Between the same parties as in Release No. 4, but in reverse order.

SEALED BY John Poulesham and the mayor.

RELEASE No. 6.

DATED : The Thursday before the feast of St. Margaret.

PARTIES

- 1) Alan Wryngton', son of Robert Wryngton', burgess of Bristol.
- 2) John Langrigssh', prior, and the convent of Wytham of the order of Carthusians.

PARCELS

- a) Four halls in Fuller's Street, between a tenement once belonging to Nicholas Frompton' and King's way which leads towards Basthauene.
- b) The said tenement formerly belonging to Nicholas Frompton.
- c) A tenement in which William Somer and Johanna, his wife, lived, which was situate in Fuller's Street between the tenements of Richard Wellys and John Hode.
- d) An annual rent of 13s. 4d issuing out of the tenement mentioned in (b) and out of other premises once belonging to Nicholas Frompton'.

RELEASE

To the parties of the second part and their successors.

WARRANTY Usual.

SEALED BY Alan Wryngton' and the mayor.

WITNESSES

Thomas Knap', mayor, Peter atte Barugh', sheriff, Willaim Frome and Thomas atte Haye, balliffs and chamberlains, William Canynges, Thomas Beaupyne, Elias Spelly, William Somerwell', John Candever, William Combe etc :

[*Folio*  
LIIII b.]



GRANT No. 8.

DATED : 1st April, 1385.

PARTIES

- 1) Walter Derby, John Barstaple, John Somerwell', Walter Seymour, Henry Calf', Henry Spelly, William Solers (parishioners of St. Werburgh's) and Andrew Anketil, Richard Kenfeke, churchwardens, acting for the entire parish.
- 2) John Warwyke, rector of St. Werburgh's

RECITAL

That John Warwyke (rector) had granted to the other parties and their successors a messuage in Cornstrete, between the church and a tenement of John Spelly and extending from the King's Highway to the church, which messuage had been pulled down by the grantees together with the belfry of the church of St. Werburgh's then recently built.

OPERATIVE PART

As recompense for the aforesaid messuage, the parties of the first part granted to the party of the second part and his successors, a messuage situated in the cemetary of the said church, between a messuage of Robert Wotton and the King's highway called Smalstrete and extending from the cemetary to the tenement of Henry Calf' and his wife.

HABENDUM

To John Warwyke and his successors in exchange for the other messuage which had been pulled down.

WARRANTY Usual.

*Folio LV.* SEALED as to one part by the parties of the first part and as to the other part by the party of the second part, and as to both parts by the mayor.

WITNESSES

None mentioned.

GRANT No. 9.

DATED : 20th March, 1388.

PARTIES

- 1) Thomas Arthur, Knight.
- 2) Edmund Arthur.



## PARCELS

- 1) Rents and services owed by John Drynkwater, bowyer, and his wife, Alice, for a toft in Bradstrete of which they were life tenants, and which was situate between a garden of John Richardis and a garden of Edith Colet on the south side, and a tenement of Richard Cobyndon' and a garden held by John Ailly on the north side.
- 2) Reversion of the said toft when it should fall in.

HABENDUM To Edmund Arthur his heirs and assigns

WARRANTY Usual.

SEALED BY Thomas Arthur.

## WITNESSES

William Somerwell', mayor, William Frome, sheriff, John Swell' and Thomas Colston', bailiffs and chamberlains, Hugh Plommer, Henry London', bowyer, Alan Wryngton', John Broun, mercer, William Castel etc :

*Folio LV b.]* CHARTER OF FEOFFMENT No. 6.

DATED : 5th November, 1388.

## PARTIES

- 1) William Somerwell', burgess of Bristol.
- 2) William de Sydbury' }  
John Deye } Chaplains.

## PARCELS

- a) A messuage and five shops adjoining, situate in the street of the Blessed Mary in Foro, between the tenement of William Somerwell' and the tenement belonging to Isabel Arthur which Stephen Reve held, and extending from the same street to a tenement belonging to the Abbot and Convent of St. Augustines, occupied by Hugh Carleton.
- b) A messuage, shop and cellar in Wynchestrete between the tenement of Roger Dyar' and a tenement of the prior of St. James, occupied by John Ryper.
- c) A messuage and two cellars in Smalstrete between the tenement occupied by John Somerwell' and a tenement of Hugh Hunte, baker.
- d) A messuage and shop in St. Nicholas Street between the tenement in which William Gyen lived and a tenement belonging to Thomas Lyouns, which Walter Gylas held.
- e) Seven shillings and sixpence (of silver) rent of assize issuing out of a tenement of Thomas Lyouns in St. Nicholas Street.

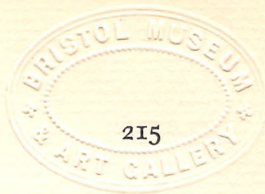


- f) A messuage and two shops situated on "La Were" between the tenement lately belonging to John de Welyngton', "gerdeler," and the highway leading to the Church of the Friars Preachers of Bristol, and extending from the same highway to the River Frome.
- g) Two messuages situated on Avon Back between the tenement of John Yong in which John Lemman lived, and a tenement lately belonging to John Clifford', baker.
- h) Forty pence (of silver) rent of assize issuing out of the tenement of Master Simon Uphulle in St. Thomas Street in which Thomas Gode lived.
- i) A messuage in St. Thomas Street, between the tenement lately belonging to Walter Derby and a tenement once belonging to Philip Toriton in which Stephen Baker lived and extending from St. Thomas Street to the Lawdych'.
- j) A messuage in which William Somerwell lived in St. Thomas Street, between the tenement of Christine, widow of John Wermynstre, and a tenement held by William White, and extending from St. Thomas Street to the Lawdych'.
- Folio LVI* k) A Tentorium<sup>1</sup> with the lands adjoining, opposite the lane called Hundenlane, between the land of Elias Spelly and the land of William Canynges.
- l) Rents and services owed by William White and his wife, Edith, William Stapuldon' and his wife, Agnes, and Roger Baron' for 3 messuages and shops in St. Thomas Street, between the tenement in which William Somerwell lived and a tenement belonging to John Thorp' in which John More, towker, lived, and extending from St. Thomas Street to the Lawdych'.
- m) Rents and services owed by Jacob Cokkes for a tenement in the street of the Blessed Mary in Foro, between the shop of Walter Denyas and a tenement lately of Walter Kyng'.
- n) Rents and services owed by Thomas London', cook, for a shop which he held of William Somerwell for life, and which was situate in the High Street between a tenement lately belonging to Walter Derby and a little lane leading to the Church of All Saints, and extending from the High Street to the Church of All Saints.
- o) The reversion of all the tenements and shops aforesaid which ought to revert to William Somerwell' and his heirs after the death of the tenants.

<sup>1</sup> *i.e.* a place where cloth was stretched to be dried after fulling.



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HABENDUM

To William de Sydbury and John Deye, their heirs and assigns for ever.

WARRANTY Usual.

SEALED BY William Somerwell', and the mayor.

WITNESSES

John Vyel, mayor, William Wodeford, sheriff, Thomas atte Hay and John Stephenys, bailiffs, Elias Spelly, Thomas Beaupynye, William Frome, Peter atte Bergh', Henry Wyvelescomb', etc :

[*Folio* APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNIES.

LVI b.] DATED : 5th November, 1388.

APPOINTOR : William Somerwell'.

APPOINTEES

William Kene, chaplain.

John Swoldale.

Henry Bokerell'.

To place William de Sydbury and John Deye in seisin of the messuages tenements shops etc : mentioned in the Charter of Feoffment No. 6 above.

SEALED BY William Somerwell' and the mayor.

WITNESSES None mentioned.

GRANT NO. 10.

DATED : 21st November, 1388.

PARTIES

1) William de Sydbury and John Deye, chaplains.

2) William Somerwell', burgess.

*Folio* LVII PARCELS

See Parcels to Charter of Feoffment No. 6, paragraphs (a), (b), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (k), (l), (m), (n), (o).

HABENDUM

To William Somerwell' for life, remainder to Thomas Brookis, knight, and Johanna, his wife, and their heirs and assigns for ever.

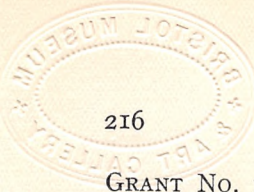
[*Folio* WARRANTY Usual.

LVII b.] SEALED BY the Parties of the first part, and by the mayor.

WITNESSES

As in Charter of Feoffment No. 6 above.





GRANT NO. II.

DATED : 21st November, 1388.

PARTIES

- 1) William de Sydbury and John Deye, chaplains.
- 2) William Somerwelle and Cassandria, his wife.

PARCELS

See Charter of Feoffment No. 6. Parcels in paragraphs (j) and (c).

HABENDUM

- a) William Somerwell' and Casandria for their joint lives and for the life of the survivor, and subject thereto
- b) To Thomas Brookis and Johanna, his wife, their heirs and assigns.

WARRANTY Usual.

SEALED and WITNESSED as in Grant No. 10.

*Folio LVIII.* GRANT NO. 12.

DATED : 8th November, 1388.

PARTIES

- 1) Isabella Arthur, Lady de Clopton'.
- 2) Edmund Arthur, her son.

PARCELS

Rents and services owed by William Papenham for a messuage of which he was life tenant, situate in Baldewynstret between the messuage of John Inhyne and a messuage of William Copenell', and extending from the said street to the common wall of the town, together with the reversion of the same messuage.

HABENDUM

To Edmund Arthur, his heirs and assigns.

WARRANTY Usual.

SEALED BY Isabella Arthur, and the mayor.

WITNESSES

John Vyel, mayor, William Wodeford', sheriff, Thomas atte Hay and John Stephanus, bailiffs and chamberlains, Thomas Knap', John Somerwell', Simon Olyver, etc :

Nota the  
election of  
the Mayre.<sup>1</sup>

<26> Memorandum that the xv<sup>th</sup> day of the moneth of Septembre In the first yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry <27> the VII<sup>th</sup> Edmond' Westecote was elected' to be Maire of Bristowe from' the fest of seint Michael' <28> than' next ensuyng vnto thende of an hole yere next than' folowing. Wherupon' the saide Edmond

<sup>1</sup> In modern hand.



⟨29⟩ in the day of Seint Michael' afforsaide was sworn' and contynued' in the office of maire of the saide Towne ⟨30⟩ vnto the xj day of Octobre than' next suyng at which' he decessed'. And therupon' the xv day of the same ⟨31⟩ moneth John' Swayn' than' being Shireff William Spenser Robart Straunge and theire brethern' of the ⟨32⟩ commune Counsaile than' assembled' togiders in the Counsaile hous, named elected and chose Henry Vaughan' ⟨33⟩ merchaunt to be Maire of Bristowe from' the saide xvth day of Octobre vnto the fest of seint Michael' the ⟨34⟩ Archaungell' than' next suyng. And than' and there it was enacted by the saide Commune Counsaile that ⟨35⟩ the saide Henry Vaughan' shuld not eftsones be named electe nor chosen' by theym' nor by theire successours ⟨36⟩ to be Maire of the said' Towne within the terme of vij yeres next ensuyng after the saide yere fully ⟨37⟩ finissed, be cause the same Henry was Maire of the same Towne late before. the which' acte euery of ⟨38⟩ the said' Commune Counsaile than' and there faithfully promytte to hold obserue and kepe.

[*Folio*  
LVIII b.] GRANT No. 13.  
DATED: 14th May, 1390.

## PARTIES

- 1) Robert Tedbroke, William Couele, executors of the will of Walter Frompton'.
- 2) John Knyghton',  
Richard de Leicestre, priests.

## RECITAL

That a License in Mortmain (dated 16th April, 1390) had been granted to permit the transfer to the parties of the second part (who were chaplains of a Chantry in St. John's Church, Bristol, founded by Walter Frompton') of a messuage for them to live in.

## OPERATIVE PART

Grant to the parties of the second part of a messuage situate between the tenement of Richard Asch' and a tenement of Adam Frensch', and extending from a lane called St. John's Lane to a tenement belonging to the churchwardens of St. John's Church.

## HABENDUM

To the parties of the second part and their successors for ever.



WARRANTY Usual.

SEALED BY the parties of the first part and the mayor.

WITNESSES

William Canynges, mayor, John Barstaple, sheriff, John Toky and John Haveryng', bailiffs and chamberlains, Simon Olyver, William Solers, Hugh Plommer, Walter Portlond, Andrew Dyar' etc :

GRANT NO. 14.

DATED : 15th June, 1390.

PARTIES

- 1) John Knyghton', chaplain, Walter, son of Roger Frompton', Robert Dudbroke and William Coueley, executors of the will of Walter Frompton'.
- 2) Richard Assch' and Rose, his wife.

RECITALS

- a) That according to the custom of Bristol hitherto obtaining and approved, it was lawfull for any burgess of the town to dispose by his will of lands and tenements of his purchase in Bristol and its suburbs to whomsoever he pleased, in the same way as his chattels.
- b) That Walter Frompton' in his will had directed his executors to sell a messuage with shops and a cellar adjoining, situate in Knyfsmythstrete and in a lane called St. Laurence Lane, between a tenement belonging to the Chantry of the Church of St. Laurence, held by Richard Hatherley, and St. Laurence Lane, and extending from the said street to the quay.

OPERATIVE PART

Executors, in consideration of a certain sum of money and in pursuance of the provisions of the will, had sold and granted to Richard Assch' and Rose, his wife.

*Folio LIX.* PARCELS

The rents and services which Thomas Sutton' and Elizabeth, his wife, rendered to the executors in respect of the said house, of which they were life tenants, and the reversion thereto.

HABENDUM

To Richard Assch' and Rose, his wife, and their heirs and assigns for ever.

SEALED BY the executors and the mayor.



## WITNESSES

William Canynges, mayor, John Barstaple, sheriff, John Toky and John Haveryng', bailiffs and chamberlains, Hugh Plommer, William Solers, Walter Portlond, Thomas Halle, Richard Toly etc :

⟨17⟩ As touz y ceux qi cestes presentz lettres verrount ou orrount et par especial ⟨18⟩ as noz chers et bien ameez Iohan Paraunt Sergeant as armes notre ⟨19⟩ tresredoute seignour le Roy et Thomas Danyell' Burgeois de la ville de ⟨20⟩ Bristuyt ; Henry Botiller Citein de Loundres Burgeois de la dicte ville de ⟨21⟩ Bristuyt et Iohane sa femme iadys femme Iohan Yong' nadgairs Burgeois de ⟨22⟩ mesme la ville salutz et trescheres amisteez Come moy lauanddicte Iohane en ma pure ⟨23⟩ veoftee par ma chartre enfeffa vous auantditz Iohan Paraunt et Thomas en touz ⟨24⟩ mes terres tenementz rentes reuersions, seruices iardyns et voides places oue touz les ⟨25⟩ appurtenances en les Countees de Bristuyt et Somers' sur condicion' de ⟨26⟩ refeoffer moy lauanddicte Iohane en quele manere et a quele heure que ie les vorroie ⟨27⟩ damander sicome es certains endentures entre les auantditz Iahan [*sic*] Paraunt ⟨28⟩ et Thomas et moy lauanddicte Iohane ent faites plus an plein est contenuz ⟨29⟩ vuillez sauoir que la voluntee moy lauanddicte Iohane est tielle que vous Iohan ⟨30⟩ Paraunt et Thomas auant nomeez enfeofferoiez le suisdit Henry mon' Mary ⟨31⟩ et moy ; iasoit que iee soie absent des touz les terres tenementz rentes reuersions seruices ⟨32⟩ iardyns et voides places oue les appurtenances auantditz A auoir et tenir a nous ⟨33⟩ auantditz henry et Iohane et as heirs moy lauanddicte Iohanne des chiefs Seigneurs des ⟨34⟩ fees par les seruices ent duez et acustumeez as touz iours En tesmoignance de quele ⟨35⟩ chose nous auantditz henry et Iohane as cestes auons mys noz Sealx Et pur ceo ⟨36⟩ que mesmes nos sealx as plusours sont desconuz ; le seal du Mairaltee de la dicte ⟨37⟩ Citee de londres auons procureez destre mys as icestes Et nous Iohane [*sic*] ⟨38⟩ Hende Mair de la Citee suisdite al instance et personele requeste des auanditz

[*Folio*  
LIX b.]

⟨1⟩ Henry et Iohane la seal de notre Mairaltee auons fait mettre as cestes Don' ⟨2⟩ a loundres suisdicte le noefisme iour de Maii lan du regne notre Seignour le ⟨3⟩ Roy Richard Seconde quinzisme



Assisa frisce  
forcie inter  
Abbatem  
sancti  
Augustini  
Bristollie  
Simonem  
Olyuer et  
Aagnetem  
vxorem eius  
et Iohannem  
Heede

⟨4⟩ Placita tenta Coram Thoma Knapp' Maiore ville Bristollie Johanne Bourton' et Ricardo ⟨5⟩ Hantesford' tunc Balliuis in Gihallda ville Bristollie die lune proximo post festum ⟨6⟩ Corporis Christi Anno regni Regis Ricardi Secundi quintodecimo.

⟨7⟩ Assisa Frisce Forcie secundum consuetudinem ville Bristollie venit recognitura si Johannes Abbas Monasterii sancti Augustini

⟨8⟩ Bristollie Simon Olyuer et Agnes vxor eius iniuste et sine iudicio disseisiuerunt Iohannem heede de ⟨9⟩ libero tenemento ipsius Iohannis heede in villa Bristollie, Et vnde idem Iohannes heede in propria persona ⟨10⟩ queritur quod disseisiuerunt eum de vno gardino cum pertinenciis in parochia sancti Petri in villa predicta. ⟨11⟩ Et Balliuis responditur quod predictus Abbas attachiatus fuit<sup>1</sup> per pleggia Thome hall' et Nicholai ⟨12⟩ Wareyn, et quod predicti Simon' et Agnes attachiati sunt per pleggia Iacobi Cokkes et Iohannis ⟨13⟩ Sely Et predictus Abbas exactus fuit et comparuit per Walterum Griffyn attornatum suum et dicit ⟨14⟩ quod predictus Johannes heede nunquam seisitus fuit de libero tenemento predicto Ita quod inde disseisiri ⟨15⟩ potuit Et hoc petit quod inquiratur per assisam Et predictis Simoni Olyuer et Ageti vxori eius ⟨16⟩ quidam Ricardus Inne respondit tanquam eorum balliuus, et dicit quod nullam iniuriam ⟨17⟩ seu disseisinam inde prefato Iohanni heede fecerunt et hoc petit quod inquiratur per assisam ⟨18⟩ Ideo tam versus predictum Abbatem quam versus predictos Simonem Oliuer et Aagnetem vxorem eius ⟨19⟩ capiatur inde assisa Et capta est inde assisa ; per sacramentum Thome Prestly Ade Inhyne ⟨20⟩ Ricardi Assche Iohannis Richardis Walteri Wynter Ricardi Brokworth' Hugonis Plommer ⟨21⟩ Iohannis Haddon' Walteri Trebell' Iohannis Sloo Walteri Portlond' et Iohannis Wyke super ⟨22⟩ Kaiam, Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predicti Abbas Simon' et Agnes vxor eius ⟨23⟩ nullam iniuriam seu disseisinam prefato Iohanni heede de libero tenemento predicto fecerunt Ideo consideratum ⟨24⟩ est quod predicti Abbas Simon' et Agnes vxor eius eant inde sine die, et predictus ⟨25⟩ Iohannes heede pro falsa querela sua in misericordia.

Folio LX

GRANT No. 15.

DATED : October, 1361 (enrolled 1393 or 94).<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> ad, *struck through*.

<sup>2</sup> The marginal note in the record is "Irrotulatur tempore Iohannis Canynges maioris ville Bristollie Anno regni regis Ricardi secundi decimo septimo." The original deed was dated on the Sunday after the Feast of St. Denis the Confessor.



## PARTIES

- 1) Johanna, daughter of William Hokis.
- 2) Roger Dyar' and Ralph Blanket.

## PARCELS

All Johanna's land, tenements and rents in Bristol and the suburbs.

## HABENDUM

To Roger Dyar' and Ralph Blanket and their heirs and assigns.

WARRANTY Usual.

SEALED BY Johanna.

## WITNESSES

Robert Cheddre, mayor, Richard Dene and William Somerwell', bailiffs, Henry Cobyndon' and John Wotton', Stewards, John Gardynere, David Brounenesyng', Robert Carpenter, John Marchall', merchant, John Pyntaill' etc :

GRANT NO. 16.<sup>1</sup>

DATED : 23rd October, 1361 (enrolled 1393/4).

## PARTIES

- 1) Roger Dyar and Ralph Blanket.
- 2) John Veel and Johanna, his wife.

## OPERATIVE PART

The parties of the first part granted to the parties of the second part all their lands, tenements and rents in Bristol and suburbs.

## HABENDUM

To John and Johanna, and the heirs and assigns of John.

WARRANTY Usual.

SEALED BY Roger Dyar' and Ralph Blanket.

WITNESSES as in Grant No. 15.

*Folio LX b.]* RELEASE NO. 7.

DATE, PARTIES, PROPERTY and WITNESSES exactly as in Grant No. 16.

GRANT NO. 17.

DATED : 13th June, 1393 (enrolled 1393/4).<sup>1</sup>

## PARTIES

- 1) John Veel of Bristol.
- 2) John Denys, and Robert Cherleton' of Gloucestershire.

<sup>1</sup> Marginal note similar to Grant No. 15.



## PARCELS

All John Veel's lands, tenements, rents, services and reversions in Bristol and suburbs.

## HABENDUM

To John Denys and Robert Charleton', their heirs and assigns.

## WARRANTY Usual.

SEALED BY John Veel.

## WITNESSES

John Canynges, mayor, Walter Seymour, sheriff, Thomas Norton' and Richard Brokworth', bailiffs and chamberlains, John Candevere, William Wodeford', John Castell', Thomas Halle, William Dyar', Elias Rob'e. etc :

*Folio LXI.* RELEASE NO. 8.

DATED : 17th June, 1393.

PARTIES, PROPERTY and WITNESSES as in Grant No. 17.

<21> Primo die Augusti Anno regni regis Ricardi secundi post conquestum decimo septimo ; Venit Johannes <22> atte Hay Frater Thome atte Hay nuper burgensis Bristollie, coram Johanne Hulle <23> vno Iusticiariorum de Banco domini Regis et Johanne Canynges Maiore ville Bristollie in <24> presencia Johannis Candeuere Thome Colston' Constabulariorum stapule ville predictae Simonis <25> Oliuer Recordatoris eiusdem ville Gilberti Ioe et Iohannis Draicot, et aliorum plurimorum <26> fidedignorum, et ad instanciam diuersorum amicorum ipsius Johannis atte Hay ; idem Johannes <27> visus et examinatus fuit tam de etate sua quam super discrecione sua per Iusticiarium et <28> Maiorem predictos vtrum legitime alienare poterit certa terras redditus et tenementa que <29> idem Johannes habuit in villa et suburbio Bristollie necne et habita inde deliberacione <30> in villa predicta et per visum persone predicti Johannis atte Hay et per examinacionem cum aliis <31> circumstanciis non constare potest, aliquo modo Iusticiario et Maiori predictis <32> quod predictus Johannes atte Haye habet legitimam etatem aut discrecionem tenementa sua <33> ad presens vllo modo alienare vel vendere alicui Set ea facere minus sufficiens <34> est, tam de etate quam de discrecione vt predictum est.



*Folio LXI b.*] GRANT NO. 18.

DATED: 1st August, 1393.

PARTIES

- 1) John Corston' and John Osberne, both of Malmesbury, chaplains, and William Camme of Malmesbury.
- 2) Walter de Camme, Abbot of Malmesbury, and the Convent of the same place.

RECITALS

- a) That the parties of the first part had demised and granted to Adam Frensshe, fletcher, a messuage, solar, and cellar in Bradestrete, and a toft in Market Street to hold for his life, (Adam Frensshe having beforehand granted the premises to the parties of the first part in fee simple.)
- b) That the King and his consort, Queen Anne, had granted a license in mortmain.

OPERATIVE PART

Grant of the above premises, subject to the life interest of Adam Frensshe, to the parties of the second part and their successors.

SEALED by the Parties of the first part.

WITNESSES

John Canynges, mayor, Walter Seymour, sheriff, William Canynges, Thomas Knap', John Vyell', John Barstaple, etc.

GRANT NO. 19.

DATED: 1st August, 1393.

PARTIES

- 1) Robert de Cherlton', knight, John atte Mulle, late vicar of the Church of Westport, Malmesbury, John Corston' and John Osberne of Malmesbury, chaplains, and William Camme of Malmesbury.
- 2) Walter de Camme, Abbot of Malmesbury, and the Convent there.

RECITALS

- a) That a rent of 40s. had been granted to John Frensshe for his life (he having first granted it to the parties of the first part, and their heirs).
- b) That a license in mortmain had been given by the King.

OPERATIVE PART

Grant of rent to the parties of the second part, subject to the life interest of John Frensshe.



## HABENDUM

To the Abbot and convent at Malmesbury and their successors for ever.

SEALED and WITNESSED as in Grant No. 18.

*Folio LXII.* [ANNO REGNI REGIS] RICARDI SECUNDI POST  
1 CONQUESTUM XVII<sup>mo</sup>

<1> A toux y ceux qui cestez lettres verrount' ou orrount' Adam Frensshe Fleccher burgeys de la <2> vyle de Bristuyt salutz en dieux, Come Iohan Corston' de Malmesbury Chapeleyn <3> Iohan Oseberne de Malmesbury Chapeleyn et William Camme de Malmesbury <4> par licence nostre Seigneur le Roy et madame la Roynne sa compaignie eiont' graunte par lour <5> escript' a Reuerent' piere en dieux Wauter de Camme Abbe de Malmesbury et <6> Conuent de mesme le lieu et lour successours a toutz iours la reuersion' dun Mese vn <7> Soler et Celer au dit Mese aiesauce oue lez appurtenancez en la vyle de Bristuyt <8> en le Rue appelle Bradestrete et vn Tofte ou Curtillage oue les appurtenancez <9> en le suburbe de mesme la ville en le Rue appelle le Market queles ieo teigne <10> a terme da [*sic*] ma vie du lese et graunt les auantditz Iohan Corston' Iohan <11> Osberne et William la reuersion ent regardant a eux et a lour heirs Sachez moy <12> auoir attourne as ditz Abbe et Conuent' de ma foialte et par paiement dun <13> denier par force du dit graunt' fait as ditz Abbe et Conuent', et graunte par y cestez <14> destre entendaunt' as ditz Abbe et Conuent et lour successours pour lez ditz Mese <15> Soler Celer et tofte ou Curtillagie oue les appurtenancez en manere come ieo <16> fu deuant cez heures as ditz Iohan Corston' Iohan Osberne et William, En tes-<17>-moignance de quele chose a cest present escript iay mys mon' seall', Don' le <18> secunde iour daugst lan du regne nostre Seigneur le Roy Richarde le Secunde xvij<sup>me</sup>.

Acknowledgement by John Frensshe, in the same terms as above, of attornment to Walter Camme, Abbot, and the Convent of Malmesbury for 40s. rent, in Bristol, in accordance with a grant made, with the licence of the King and Queen, by Robert de Cherlton', knight, John atte Mulle, lately vicar of the church of Westport' in Malmesbury, John Corston' and John Osberne, Chaplains, and William Camme, all of Malmesbury, to the aforesaid Abbot and Convent. Dated as above.

<sup>1</sup> A cross and a hand in the margin of the record on Folios LXI b and LXII indicate that this entry was intended to follow immediately after the grant by John Corston', John Osberne and William Camme to Walter de Camme Abbot of Malmesbury and the convent there (see p. 223).



[Folio  
LXII b.] RECOGNISANCE NO. I.

DATED: 25th September, 1393.<sup>1</sup>

RECOGNISANCE of Hugh Carleton', taken before John Cannynges, mayor, and Walter Seymour, sheriff, to the effect that :

- (a) He had received from Simon Olyver 100 marks sterling to be paid to Margaret, daughter of Lucy Celcy, when she married, or attained full age, or in default to the executors of Robert Chedder.
- (b) He discharged Simon Olyver, his heirs and executors and his pledges and mainprises, from all claims in connection with the said sum arising out of a recognisance entered into by Simon Oliver and others, before Walter Derby.
- (c) He bound himself, his heirs, executors and goods, to Simon Olyver in a sum of £100 to perform duly the obligation contained in the recognisance mentioned in paragraph (b).

<23> Domina Regina mandauit Iohanni Canynges Maiori ville Bristollie et Simoni Olyuer Senescallo suo ibidem litteras suas <24> quarum tenor sequitur in hec verba, Anne par la grace de dieu Roigne dengleterre et de Fraunce et dame dirlaund' a noz <25> chers et bien amez Iohan Canynges Mair de notre ville de Bristuyt et Symond' Olyuer notre Seneschall' illeoqs' salut <26> pur ceo que nous sumes enformez coment vn Iohan Porter et Margarete sa femme auoient iadis del donn et <27> graunte de la tresnoble Reigne Phillipe qe dieux assoille vn tenement oue lez appurtenancz en Bradstrete de deinz <28> notre dicte ville pur terme de lour deux vies li quel Iohan est a dieux commaunde et la dite Margarete vnquore est viuant <29> issint qapres la mort de mesme la Margarete le dit tenement deueroit a nous apartiner Voloms et vous mandoms que <30> vous facez duement enquerer la pleyne verite de la dicte enformacion si ele soit verray ou noun et combien le dit <31> tenement vaut par an outre le reprise et si la reuersion' de dit tenement deuera a nous apartiner en ascun manere de <32> droit et de touz les circumstantz de y celles certifiantz a notre consaill' distyntement come apartien auxi tost <33> come vous bonement le purrez ceo que fait et troue euanerez et ceo en null' maner ne lesser Don' south' <34> notre seal al Manoir de Shene le xxijme iour doctobre lan del Regne de notre tresredote seigneur le Roy

<sup>1</sup> The actual recognisance was entered into on the 29th September, 1392. The date given above is that of its formal acknowledgment before the mayor and sheriff.



sesszime Et super <35> hoc capta est Inquisicio in Gihalda ville Bristollie coram Iohanne Canynges Maiore ville predictie et Simone Olyuer <36> predictis quinto die Nouembris Anno regni Ricardi secundi sextodecimo per sacramentum Iohannis Bourton' Willelmi atte lane Stephani <37> Reue Willelmi Dyere Iacobi Cockes Galfredi Godehyne Galfredi Huyld Johannis Richardis Ade Pykenham Iohannis <38> Donster Walteri Portlond et Andre dyer Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod quedam domina Iohanna de Bures nuper fuit <39> seisita de Mesuagio predicto cum pertinenciis dominico suo vt de feodo et iure et predictum Mesuagium cum pertinenciis dedit Iohanni Porter <40> predicto et Margarete vxori eius ac heredibus et assignatis ipsius Iohannis Porter et quod quidam Thomas Glastyngbury dictus <41> Carpenter qui habuit statum predicti Iohannis Portour in testamento suo et vltima voluntate sua reuersionem Mesuagii <42> predicti post mortem predictie Margarete secundum consuetudinem ville Bristollie a toto tempore vsitatam et approbatam <43> disposuit vendicioni per executores suos absque hoc quod domina Philippa nuper Regina Anglie vnquam aliquo tempore inde <44> seisita fuit vel illud dimisit predictis Iohanni Porter et Margarete vxori eius sicut per litteras dicte Regine predictas <45> supponitur et vlterius dicunt super concienciam suam quod domina Regina que nunc est nullum ius nec titulum <46> habet in Mesuagio predicto cum pertinenciis nec ad eam de iure pertinet quoquomodo In cuius rei testimonium huic recordo <47> sigillum officii Maioratus et Escaetoris ville predictie presentibus est appensum Dat' Bristoll' vicesimo primo die <48> Decembris Anno regni Regis Ricardi secundi Sextodecimo.

*Folio* LXIII GRANT No. 20.

DATED: 17th December, 1386.

PARTIES

- 1) William Hawker, clerk.
- 2) Nicholas Barstaple, Nicholas Kyng', Richard Peautrer, clerk.

PARCELS

- a) Rent and services which Johanna, widow of Thomas Marche, tailor and burgess of Bristol, owed for a messuage held for life, in Templestrete and situate between a tenement of John Prischton' and a corner messuage of Elias Spelly, and extending from Templestrete to the River Avon.



- b) Rent and services which Nicholas Tymtenhull' and Margery, his wife, and Richard, their son, owed for a messuage which they held for life in Redeclyvestrete, situate between a messuage of William Bierdene and Agnes, his wife, and a messuage of Simon Uphull', and extending from the said street to a certain road near the church of St. Thomas.
- c) Rents and services which Richard Muleward' and Edith, his wife, owed for a tenement which they held for life upon the Bridge over the Avon, between the messuage of John Bount and a messuage upon the said Bridge, belonging to the churchwardens of the Chapel of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- d) The reversion of each of the above.

## HABENDUM

To the parties of the second part, their heirs and assigns for ever.

## WARRANTY Usual.

SEALED BY the party of the first part, and by the mayor.

## WITNESSES

Thomas Knap', mayor, Peter atte Barugh', sheriff, William Frome and Thomas atte Hay, bailiffs and chamberlains, Henry Wyvelescombe, Richard Inhyne, William Wodeford, William White, mercer, Walter Martyn, etc.

GRANT NO. 21.

[Folio  
LXIII b.] DATED: 12th February, 1394.

## PARTIES

- 1) Richard Peautrer, clerk.
- 2) Reginald Touker.

## PARCELS

Rents and services which Robert Wyther and Tibota, his wife, owed for a messuage in Templestrete of which they were life tenants, situate between a messuage of John Prischton' and a messuage of Thomas Norton', and extending from the said street to Avon Back (called Bastehaven) together with the reversion when the life interests fell in.

(It is stated that the party of the first part acquired the property by the gift and feoffment of William Hawker, chaplain.)

## HABENDUM

To the party of the second part, his heirs and assigns for ever.



SEALED BY the party of the first part, and the mayor.

WITNESSES

John Somerwell', mayor, John Haveryng', sheriff, William Solers and Thomas Blount', bailiffs and chamberlains, John Prischton', Peter atte Barugh', Richard Inhyne, John Wodeley, William Norton' etc :

RELEASE NO. 9.

DATED : 20th February, 1394.

PARTIES

- 1) Richard Score of Cornwall.
- 2) Reginald Touker, Robert Wyther and Tibota, his wife.

PARCELS

All right and claim of the party of the first part in the premises mentioned in Grant No. 21.

WARRANTY Usual.

SEALED AND WITNESSED as Grant No. 21.

*Folio* LXIII BRISTOLL' ANNO REGNI REGIS RICARDI XVII<sup>mo</sup>

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Instrumenti  
de resignacone  
Hospitalis  
sancti  
Iohannis  
Bristollie.

⟨1⟩ In nomine domini amen per hoc presens publicum Instrumentum cunctis appareat euidenter quod anno ab incarnatione eiusdem ⟨2⟩ secundum cursum et computacionem ecclesie Anglicane Millesimo CCC<sup>mo</sup> nonagesimo tercio Indictione secunda ⟨3⟩ pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri domini Bonifacii diuina prouidencia pape noni anno ⟨4⟩ quinto Mense Februarii die vicesima tertia In domo habitacionis venerabilis viri Iohannis Somerwell' ⟨5⟩ Maioris ville Bristollie Wigorn' diocesis In mei notarii publici et testium infrascriptorum presencia ⟨6⟩ personaliter constitutus prefatus venerabilis vir Johannes Somerwell' Maior vt asseruit dicte ville ⟨7⟩ Bristollie dixit allegabat et expresse protestatus fuit pro se et successoribus suis in eodem officio ⟨8⟩ fuisse et esse intencionis sue quod cum sit quoddam hospitale siue domus sancti Iohannis Baptiste ⟨9⟩ extra Muros dicte ville Bristollie situatum Wellen' dioc' in quo solet esse quidam frater Magister ⟨10⟩ dicti hospitalis siue domus publice nominatus regens ac gubernans dictum hospitale siue domum ⟨11⟩ cum omnibus possessionibus Iuribus et pertinenciis eidem hospitali siue domui appropriatis connexis et ⟨12⟩ annexis secundum Institutionem et fundacionem p'mena' eiusdem cuius presentacio ac ius presentandi ⟨13⟩ ad Magistratum eiusdem a tempore cuius non extat memoria pertinuit pertinet



et pertinere debet <14> ad eum qui pro tempore vacacionis dicti hospitalis siue domus fuerit et est Maior dicte ville <15> Bristollie, quodque nuper vacante dicto hospitali siue domo per liberam puram et spontaneam resigna- <16> cionem fratris Johannis Excestre vltimi Magistri eiusdem ad instanciam et specialem Rogatum <17> illustrissimi principis et domini nostri Ricardi dei gracia Regis Anglie et Francie Idem Johannes <18> Somerwell' Maior predictus ad dictum hospitale siue domum sic vacans vel vacantem presentauit <19> quemdam fratrem Johannem seint Powle pertunc ibidem presentem sic vt idem frater Johannes seint powle <20> habeat teneat et obseruet ordinem habitum ac alias obseruancias canonicas constituciones et consuetudines <21> laudabiles solitas et consuetudinarias hactenus per magistros dicti hospitalis siue domus teneri custodiri <22> et obseruari Acta sunt hec prout suprascriptuntur et recitantur sub anno Indictione pontificatu Mense <23> die et loco supradictis presentibus tunc ibidem venerabilibus et discretis viris Simone Olyuer recordatore dicte <24> ville Bristollie Philippo Excestre clerico eiusdem ville Bristollie et aliis testibus ad premissa vocatis <25> specialiter et rogatis

<26> Et ego Johannes Sturmestre clericus Saresburien' dioc' publicus auctoritate apostolica notarius <27> premissis omnibus et singulis dum sic vt premittitur sub anno Indiccionem <28> pontificatu Mense die et loco superscriptis agerentur et fierent vnacum <29> prenomina- testibus presens interfui ea que omnia et singula sic fieri vidi <30> et audiui manu que mea scripsi publicam et in hanc publicam formam <31> redigi rogatus et requisitus<sup>1</sup> in fidem et testimonium et [*sic*] <32> singulorum premissorum.

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dicto.

<33> Reuerendo in Christo patri ac domino domino Radulfo dei gracia Bathon' et Wellen' Episcopo vester si placeat <34> humilis et deuotus Johannes Somerwell' Maior ville Bristollie omnimodas reuerencias pariter et <35> honores debitas tanto patri vacante nuper hospitali domus sancti Johannis Baptiste Bristollie per <36> cessionem spontaneam et puram resignacionem Fratris Johannis Excestre vltimi Magistri <37> eiusdem Nos attendentes ac ex debito officii nostri pre considerantes quod dicta domus <38> sive hospitale absque graui dispendio eiusdem diu vacare non poterit dilectum nobis in

<sup>1</sup> et requisitus, *repeated*.



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LXIII b.]

TEMPORE JOHANNIS SOMERWELL' MAIORIS VILLE  
BRISTOLLIE

⟨1⟩ Christo Fratrem Johannem seint powle Fratrem domus sancti Thome de Acris london' eiusdem ordinis vt ⟨2⟩ virum religiosum vita et moribus multimode comendatum in temporalibus et spiritualibus plurime ⟨3⟩ circumspectum ac in Magistratum dicte domus siue hospitalis per religiosum virum predictum Fratrem Johannem ⟨4⟩ Excestre vnicum eiusdem loci confratrem et prius immediate Magistrum pure sponte et absolute ⟨5⟩ statui Magistratus sui predicti in presencia nostra cedentem legitime electum siue postulatum et ⟨6⟩ nobis debite nominatum vobis presentamus paternitati vestre Reuerende presentamus<sup>1</sup> per presentes ⟨7⟩ humiliter supplicantes pariter et deuote quatinus eundem Fratrem Johannem seint powle ad ⟨8⟩ Magistratum dicte domus siue hospitalis vestri diocesis et nostri patronatus ac ad nostram presentacionem ⟨9⟩ racione officii nostri Maioratus predicti notorie spectantem admittere dignetur Reuerenda ⟨10⟩ paternitas vestra cetera que peragere que vestro incumbit [*sic*] officio pastoralis in hac parte si placeat ⟨11⟩ cum fauore In cuius rei testimonium sigillum officii nostri Maioratus ville Bristollie presentibus est ⟨12⟩ appensum Dat' Bristollia xxiiij<sup>o</sup> die Mensis Februarii anno domini Mille ccc<sup>mo</sup>lxxxiiij<sup>o</sup>.

RELEASE NO. 10.

DATED: 14th March, 1394.

PARTIES

- 1) William King', chaplain, son of Walter Kyng' (releasor).
- 2) Jacob Cokkes (releasee).

RELEASE by the party of the first part to the party of the second part.

PARCELS

- a) Premises situate in Saint Maristrete between the cemetary of the Church of the Blessed Mary in Foro and the shops held by William King from the Abbot and Convent of St. Augustines, and extending from St. Maristrete to land of the said Abbot and Convent held by Simon Cachepoll'.
- b) Two shops with a garden adjoining, situate in St. Maristrete between a messuage once belonging to William Somerwell' and the premises described in paragraph (a), and extending from the same street to the same land.

<sup>1</sup> This word seems to be repeated in error.



WARRANTY usual.

SEALED BY William King'.

WITNESSES

Simon Olyver, Geoffrey Hylde, John Martyn, Richard Netherbury, William Torynton', etc.

*Folio LXV* GRANT No. 22.

DATED: 3rd May, 1394.

PARTIES

- 1) Walter Frompton', son of Walter Frompton'.
- 2) John Candever, John Richardys, Nicholas Warreyn, John Thorp'.

PARCELS

All Walter Frompton's lands, tenements, rents, reversions and services in Bristol and suburbs.

HABENDUM To the parties of the second part in fee simple.

WARRANTY usual.

SEALED BY Walter Frompton' and the mayor.

WITNESSES

John Somerwell', mayor, John Haveryng', sheriff, William Solers and Thomas Blount', bailiffs and chamberlains, Simon Olyver, John Sloo, Richard Assch', Hugh Plommer, William atte Lane etc.

CONDITION ATTACHED

That the parties of the second part should re-enfeoff as follows:—

- a) To Walter Frompton' and Johanna, his wife, and the heirs of their bodies, and in default
- b) To John Knyghton', chaplain, and Robert Dudbrok' (executors of the will of Walter Frompton', senior) and the mayor and bailiffs for the time being, and by them to be sold and the proceeds applied to the accomplishment of the last will of the said Walter Frompton', senior (which will was enrolled and proved in the Guildhall, Bristol.)

[*Folio* GRANT No. 23.

*LXV b.*] DATED: 25th July, 1394.

PARTIES

- 1) John Hardyng' of Filton' and Agnes, his wife, (sister and heir of Edith, wife of William Huchons, tanner).
- 2) John Chepstowe.



## PARCELS

A tenement in Lewenesmede between a tenement formerly belonging to John Turtle, in which John Wynchestre lately resided, and a tenement formerly belonging to Walter Taunton' which Hugh Carleton' held, and extending from Lewenesmede to the Frome. (Which tenement, after the death of the said Edith, descended to Agnes Hardyng'.)

HABENDUM John Chepstowe, his heirs and assigns.

WARRANTY Usual.

SEALED BY the parties of the first part and by the mayor.

## WITNESSES

John Somerwell', mayor, John Haveryng', sheriff, William Solers and Thomas Blount', bailiffs and chamberlains, Hugh Carleton', Nicholas Hastyng', John Stone, Walter Horugg', John Westbury, tanner, and others.

*Folio* LXVI. RELEASE NO. 11.

DATED: 29th July, 1394.

PARTIES, PROPERTY, SEALS and WITNESSES as in Grant No. 23.

RELEASE NO. 12.

DATED: 31st July, 1394.

## PARTIES

1) John Holyday, son and heir of Margery Holyday, sister of Edith, who was the wife of William Huchons, tanner (releasor).

2) John Chepstowe (releasee).

PROPERTY AND WITNESSES as in Grant No. 23.

[*Folio* ACQUITTANCE NO. 1.

LXVI b.] DATED: 31st January, 1395.

(Recognised before William Frome, mayor, and John Stephenys, sheriff.)

William Colston' and Margaret, his wife, acknowledged the receipt in the name of Margaret, from Simon Olyver by the hand of Hugh Carleton', of £20 in part payment of 100 marks in accordance with a recognisance entered into by Simon Olyver in the Guildhall, before Walter Derby, mayor, securing payment of the said sum to Margaret when she should marry.

SEALED BY William Colston' and his wife.



ACQUITTANCE No. 2.

DATED: 25th January, 1395.

(Recognised as Acquittance No. 1 last above.)

William Colston' acknowledged the receipt from Roger Seward', William Bierden' and Agnes Bierden' executors of the will of William Cheddre, of a legacy of 10 marks left by William Cheddre to Margaret Cheddre, daughter of Lucy Selsy, and wife of William Colston'.

SEALED BY William Colston' and the mayor.

GRANT No. 24.

DATED: 4th April, 1395.

(Recognised on 26th April, 1395, before William Frome, mayor, and John Stephenys, sheriff.)

PARTIES

- 1) John Frigg'.
- 2) Jacob Cokkys.

RECITAL

That Thomas, abbot of the Monastery of the Blessed Mary of Teukesbury and the Convent there, had granted the reversion of a tenement and shop in Wynchestrete, (which Thomas Bydeford' held for life) to John Frigg', his heirs and assigns, for sixty years subject to an annual rent of 36s. 8d. payable quarterly to the chamberlain of the monastery, and to the sum of 1s. 6d. per annum for langable.

*Folio* OPERATIVE PART.

LXVII. Assignment of John Frigg's interest to Jacob Cokkys, his heirs, and assigns.

SEALED BY John Frigg'.

WITNESSES

William Frome, mayor, John Stephenys, sheriff, John Prischton' and John Castell', bailiffs and chamberlains, William Dyar', John Olyver, John Bruton', William Kedwelly etc.

<13> Memorandum that the xvth day of the Moneth of Septembre In the first yere of the reign' of <14> Kyng [Henry] the vij<sup>th</sup>. William Wykeham' than' Maire John Snyg Shiref and theire brethern [*sic*] <15> of the commune Counsaile than' assembled' to giders in the Counsaile hous named elected <16> and chose Henry Vaughan merchaunte to be Maire of Bristowe from' the



fest of seint <17> Michael' tharchaungell' than' next ensuyng. vnto thende of' a yere than' folowing <18> And than' and there it was enacted by the said' Maire Shiref' and their forsaid' <19> berthern' that the said' Henry Vaughan' shuld' not eftsones be named elected nor <20> chosen' by theym' nor by their' successours to be Maire of' the said' Towne within <21> the terme of vij. yeres next ensuyng after the same yere finisshed. bicause the same <22> Henry was Maire of the said' Towne late bifore. the which acte euery of' the said' <23> Maire Shiref' and theire brethern' than' and there faithfully promitted to hold <24> obserue and kepe.

<25> Memorandum that the xv<sup>th</sup> day of the moneth' of Septembre in the ix<sup>th</sup> yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the vij<sup>th</sup> <26> Iohn Hawkes than' being Maire and Iohn Dreux Shiref Iohn Popley and Roger Dawes Baillifs Henry <27> Vaughan' was electe to be Maire fro the fest of seint Michell' than' next suyng vnto the fest of seint <28> Michell' than' next folowing that is to wite for an' hoole yere. at which' tyme it was enacted and <29> established by the hooll' comon' Counsaile that if it happen' the said Henry to be vexed with' any <30> infirmytees so that he may not be of power to occupie the said office in his propre persone that than' the <31> said Iohn Hawkes Robert Straunge Iohn Esterfeld' Iohn Penke Iohn Stevyns and William Towker <32> shull' wikely oon' after an' other occupie the said office of Maire as lieutenant vnto the said Henry Vaughan <33> atte cost and charge of the same Henry. during the season' of his said infirmytee. in like maner and fourme <34> as hertofore hath' be accustomed in suche cases. And firthermore it was enacted in the said comon' Counsaile <35> that the said Henry Vaughan' shall not be named elected ne charged eftsones to be Maire of Bristowe during <36> viij hooll' yeres next ensuyng after the said fest of seint Michell' next comyng.

[Folio

LXVII b.] GRANT NO. 25.  
DATED: 7th June, 1395.

(Recognised by William Canynges, citizen and merchant of Bristol, before John Barstaple, mayor, and Reginald Taillour, sheriff, on 21st October, 1395.

#### PARTIES

- 1) William Canynges.
- 2) John Knyghton' and Richard Stone, clerks.



## PARCELS

Two halls with two cellars under them and two shops attached thereto, and a house with one cellar under it, situate between the two halls and land of Richard Brompton', and four other shops situate between the tenement of Edith Wyke and an empty tenement belonging to the Prior and brethren of the Kalendars of Bristol, all of which premises were situate in Mersshstret.

## HABENDUM

To the parties of the second part, their heirs and assigns.

## WARRANTY Usual.

SEALED BY William Canynges and the mayor.

## WITNESSES

William Frome, mayor, John Stephenys, sheriff, John Prisshton' and John Castell', bailiffs and chamberlains, John Canynges, Peter atte Barugh', John Birche, Walter Sturmy, Thomas Graunt etc.

GRANT No. 26.

DATED: 20th October, 1395.

(Recognised as in Grant No. 25 next above, by John Knyghton' and Richard Stone clerks.)

## PARTIES

- 1) John Knyghton' and Richard Stone, clerks.
- 2) William Canynges and Agnes, his wife.

PARCELS As in Grant No. 25.

## HABENDUM

- 1) To William Canynges and Agnes for their joint lives and for the life of the survivor, and subject thereto
- 2) To William Middelworthe, parson of the Church of Wryngton, John Vax, vicar of the Church of Aisshcote, John Elys, Vicar of the Church of Mere, John Panes de Purrygg' and John Coker, son of Robert Coker of Dorset, their heirs and assigns.

WARRANTY Usual.

SEALED BY John Knyghton', Richard Stone and the mayor.

## WITNESSES

John Barstaple, mayor, John Stephenys, sheriff, Robert Dudbroke and John Sudbury, bailiffs and chamberlains, John Birche, Walter Sturmy, Richard Panes, John Draycote, John Sloo etc.



LEASE NO. I.

DATED: 29th September, 1395.

PARTIES

- 1) Thomas, abbot of the Monastery of the Blessed Virgin of Keynesham, and the convent there (lessors).
- 2) John Lemman (lessee).

PARCELS

Half of a messuage on Avon Back containing in length 54 feet and in breadth 16 feet in front and  $13\frac{1}{2}$  feet behind, the whole messuage being situate between the tenements of Philip Baynard' and Johanna Brompton' and extending from Avon Back to land once belonging to Richard Spicer.

The half messuage now leased was formerly an entire tenement in the occupation of Richard de Obeley and was then bound by the tenement of Robert Beauflour and the tenement of Richard Roper and extended from Avon Back to a certain chamber, once the property of Richard the Draper, which was called La Gracedieux.

TENENDUM

John Lemman and his assigns for 60 years.

REDDENDUM

13s. 4d. in silver on each of the usual quarter days.

COVENANTS by the Lessee:—

- a) To amend and sustain the premises whenever necessary at his own cost.
- b) To surrender the premises to the Lessors at the end of the term.

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LXVIII b.]

PROVISO

If the rent should be in arrear for a quarter, or the premises should not be kept in repair, the abbot and convent and their successors should have the right to re-enter.

SEALED as to one part by the abbot and the convent with their common seal and as to the other part by John Lemman.

GRANT NO. 27.

DATED: 16th May, 1396.

PARTIES

- 1) John Burton' and Johanna, his wife, William Wermynstre and William More, executors of the will of Thomas Sampson'.
- 2) William Kene, chaplain, and Walter Martyn.



## RECITALS

- a) That by the custom of Bristol any burgess of the same town could devise tenements which he had acquired in the town and suburbs, by his will to whomsoever he might please as though they were chattels.
- b) That Thomas Sampson' had by his will devised the tenement in which he was living at the time of his death (and which was situate between a tenement formerly belonging to William Combe and a tenement in which Philip Dyar' lived), to his wife, Johanna Sampson, for her life, and after her death to William, son of Thomas Sampson and the heirs of his body, and in default of such heirs he directed his executors to sell the property.
- c) Death of William without heirs of his body.

## OPERATIVE PART

Grant of the above mentioned property (subject to the widow's life interest) to the parties of the second part, their heirs and assigns.

*Folio* LXIX SEALED BY the parties of the first part and the mayor.

## WITNESSES

John Barstaple, mayor, Reginald Taillour, sheriff, Robert Dudbroke and John Sydbury, bailiffs and chamberlains, William Frome, Richard Brokworth', Richard Dyar', Ralph Dyar', John Stamford' etc :

*Vacat*

<7> Nouerint vniuersi per presentes me Willelmum Pays de Bristollia recepisse et habuisse [*here this entry ceases*]

<8> Memorandum quod die Mercurii quinto die Mensis Aprilis Anno regni Regis Henrici septimi post conquestum primo In plena <9> Curia domini Regis tenta in Guyhalda Bristollie coram Henrico Vaughan' Maiore ville Bristollie predicte et Ricardo Sherman' <10> vicecomite eiusdem ville venit Thomas Skynner de Bristollia predicta Inholder coram prefatis Maiore et vicecomite et recognouit <11> se debere Iohanni hert Gentleman' et Iohanni Esterfeld' Mercatori ville predicte quadraginta et tres libras sterlingorum Soluendas <12> eisdem Iohanni et Iohanni aut eorum alteri seu eorum certo attornato vel executoribus suis per viam recognicionis, quas quidem quadraginta <13> et tres libras predictus Thomas concessit de terris et catallis suis ad opus predictorum Iohannis et Iohannis leuari etc :.



⟨14⟩ Condicio tamen recognicionis predicte talis est quod si prefatus Thomas Skynner soluat seu solui faciat prenominitis Iohanni hert et ⟨15⟩ Iohanni Esterfeld' aut eorum alteri seu eorum certo attornato vel executoribus suis predictas quadraginta et tres libras forma sequente ⟨16⟩ videlicet in festo Natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste proximo futuro sexaginta solidos In festo sancti Michaelis Archangeli tunc proximo sequente ⟨17⟩ xls. In festo Natalis domini extunc proximo sequente xls. In festo Pasche proximo tunc sequente xls. Et sic deinceps de ⟨18⟩ festo in festum quarterio in quarterium et anno in annum quolibet festo festorum Natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste sancti Michaelis Archangeli ⟨19⟩ Natalis domini et Pasche tunc proximo sequente xls. quousque predicte xliij li. integre et plenarie sic soluantur quod extunc ⟨20⟩ predicta recognicio vacua sit et nullius vigoris neque effectus Sinautem in omni suo robore permaneat et virtute.

[Folio  
LXIX b.]

Testamentum  
Willelmi  
Lumbarde'

⟨1⟩ In dei nomine Amen duodecimo die mensis Julii Anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo octuagesimo sexto ⟨2⟩ Ego Willelmus Lumbarde Mercator ac Burgensis ville Bristollie compos mentis laudetur deus altissimus Condo ⟨3⟩ testamentum meum in hunc modum In primis lego animam meam deo omnipotenti beate Marie virgini et ⟨4⟩ omnibus Sanctis Corpus que meum sepeliendum in Cripta subtus Ecclesiam parochialem sancti Nicholai dicte ville Bristollie ⟨5⟩ Item lego Cathedrali Ecclesie Wigorn' iij d. Item lego vsui Fraternitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste Bristollie xij d. ⟨6⟩ Item lego Elizabeth' lumbarde vxori mee totum illud tenementum meum in quo inhabito situatum in villa Bristoll' in ⟨7⟩ vico vocato Baldewyn' strete inter tenementum Cantarie Ricardi Spycer ex parte vna et tenementum Capelle ⟨8⟩ sancti Iohannis Euangeliste ex parte altera, Et extendit se a vico predicto antierius vsque ad communem murum ⟨9⟩ dicte ville Bristollie posterius. Habendum et tenendum totum predictum tenementum cum suis pertinenciis prefate Elizabeth' ad ⟨10⟩ terminum vite sue de capitalibus dominis [feodi illius per sericia] inde debita et de iure consueta, Hac vero condicione quod predicta Elizabeth ⟨11⟩ teneat<sup>1</sup> obitum meum ac Katerine et Alicie vxorum mearum singulis annis durante vita sua quolibet anno in die sancti Patricii in forma subsequente in primis volo quod predicta Elizabeth teneat<sup>1</sup> vel teneri faciat obitum

<sup>1-1</sup> interlined.



predictum et salubriter distribuat iiij solidos sterlingorum inter presbiteros et <12> Clericos aliis que operibus caritatiuis et necessariis dictum obitum concernentibus iuxta discessionem [sic] eiusdem Elizabeth' <13> Residuum vero Redditus exeuntis annuatim de dicto tenemento meo volo quod dicta Elizabeth' vxor mea habeat et <14> percipiat in Remmemoracione sue assidue occupacionis tenendo obitum supradictum. Et post decessum vero <15> ipsius Elizabeth' vxoris mee volo quod predictum tenementum cum suis pertinenciis integre remaneant Thome lumbarde <16> filio meo heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum. Tenendum obitum predictum annuatim modo et forma predicta. Volens <17> omnino quod iidem Elizabeth' vxor mea et Thomas filius meus ante obitum illorum salubriter ordinent et <18> disponant quod obitus supradictus teneatur singulis annis imperpetuum sub modo et forma superius pre-nominata. <19> Item lego dicte Elizabeth' vxori mee totum illud<sup>1</sup> Gardinum meum situatum in suburbio <20> ville Bristollie in vico vocato Brodemede inter tenementum [*Blank space in record*] ex parte vna et tenementum prioris sancti <21> Iacobi ex parte altera Et extendit se a vico predicto antierius vsque ad Gardinum Fraternitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste <22> posterius, Habendum et tenendum totum predictum Gardinum cum suis pertinenciis predictae Elizabeth' ad terminum vite sue <23> Et post decessum dicte Elizabeth' volo quod predictum Gardinum cum suis pertinenciis integre remaneant <24> Margarete filie mee et heredibus de corpore suo legitime procreatis Et si dicta Margareta sine heredibus de <25> corpore suo legitime procreatis obierit, tunc volo quod predictum Gardinum cum suis pertinenciis integre remaneant <26> rectis heredibus mei predicti Willelmi lumbarde. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum non legatorum debitis meis et <27> funeralibus expensis inde deductis do et lego Elizabeth' vxori mee vt ipsa inde disponat pro salute <28> anime mee, quam huius testamenti mei ordino et facio meam executricem et vt ipsa deum preoculis habens presens <29> testamentum meum et vltimam voluntatem meam impleat et compleat cum effectu In cuius rei testimonium <30> presentibus sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Iohanne Whyte<sup>2</sup> Peauterer Thoma Jones <31> Draper et Thoma Doly Shomaker Dat' die et anno domini predictis.

<sup>1</sup> tenementum meum, *struck through*.

<sup>2</sup> Peautrer, *struck through*.



<32> Probatum fuit presens testamentum coram nobis Iohanne Thomas clerico Reuerendo in Christo patris ac domini domini <33> Iohannis dei gracia Wigorn' Episcopi in villa et decanatu Bristollie Commissario et decano sufficienter et legitime deputato <34> Et approbatum insinuaturn ac legitime pronunciatum per nos pro eodem fuit Commissa que fuit administracio omnium bonorum <35> dicti testamenti concernentium dicte Executrici supra nominate in debita iuris forma admesse et iurate tercio die mensis <36> Augusti Anno domini supradicto Et subsequenter dicta<sup>1</sup> Executrix computauit cum officio et <37> dimissa est ab eodem saluo<sup>2</sup> iure cuiuscumque, In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum est appensum.

<38> Presens testamentum per tres vices proclamatum fuit in pleno Hundredo tento apud Bristoliam in Guyhalda <39> eiusdem ville coram Roberto Straunge Maiore et Thoma Spycer vicecomite eiusdem ville vndecimo die mensis Ianuarii<sup>3</sup> anno regni <40> Regis Henrici septimi post conquestum quinto. in presencia Iohannis Taillur' et Roberti Forthey <41> Balliuorum Maioris et Communitatis ville supradicte Thome Hardyng Clerici Maioris et Communitatis <42> predictorum et aliorum fidedignorum qui coram dictis Maiore et vicecomite adtunc et ibidem testificati fuerunt <43> testamentum predictum esse vltima voluntas testamenti predicti Willelmi lumbarde Ideo etc. .

Folio LXX ACQUITTANCES NOS. 3 and 4.

DATED: 5th April, 1397, and 1st May, 1397.

GIVEN to William Byerdene, Thomas Blount' and Margaret, widow of Peter atte Berughe, the co-executors of the will of the latter.

- a) By William Pays for £25 bequeathed by the testator to William Pays and Alice (daughter of the testator), his wife.
- b) By Robert Wyther for £10 and 'quarterum gaide' bequeathed by the testator to Johanna Tryne, then the wife of Robert Wyther, and daughter of Margaret, the testator's wife.

Wadnesburie  
in Comitatu  
Staffordie

<21> Henricus die gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie. Vniuersis et singulis vicecomitibus Maioribus Balliuis

<sup>1</sup> Elizabeth, *struck through*.

<sup>2</sup> salvo, *interlined*.

<sup>3</sup> Ianuarii, *interlined*.



Ministris <22> et aliis fidelibus subditis suis tam infra libertates quam extra Ad quos presentes littere peruenerint salutem Cum secundum <23> consuetudinem in regno nostro Anglie hactenus optentam et approbatam homines et tenentes de Antiquo <24> dominico corone Anglie quieti sint et esse debeant a prestacione theolonei per totum regnum<sup>1</sup> nostrum Anglie ac <25> de expensis Militum ad parlamenta nostra uel progenitorum nostrorum quondam Regum Anglie pro communitate <26> eiusdem regni venientium vobis precipimus quod homines et tenentes de villa de [sic] Wadnesberie in Comitatu Staffordie <27> que est de Antiquo dominico corone Anglie sicut per quamdam certificacionem in Cancellaria domini Edwardi nuper Regis Anglie <28> quarti per Thesaurarium et Camerarios suos de mandato suo missam et infilaciis Cancellarie nostre residentem nobis constat ad <29> theoloneum vobis prestandum seu ad contribuendum expensis Militum ad parlamenta nostra et heredum nostrorum venientium <30> quietos esse permittatis iuxta consuetudinem predictam. Et districcionem si quam eis ea occasione feceritis sine dilacione relaxetis <31> eisdem. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium xvj die Nouembris <32> anno regni nostri quinto  
Skypton'

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<1> A toutz y ceux que cestes lettres verront ou orront Iohan Canynges Mair de la ville de Bristuyt et Robert <2> Bakkester Viscount de mesme la ville salutz en dieu Pur ceo que meritorie chose est de tesmoigner chose <3> veritable en saluacion' de chescun droit. Nous tesmoignons par ycestes que le Marsdy proschein apres la fest <4> de toutz Seintz Lan du regne le Roy Richard' le seconde vynt et seconde vient Sire Nichol Adam adonques <5> Vicair de leglise de saint Nicholas de Bristuyt personnelment deuant nous en la dicte ville en presence <6> de Thomas Knap' Iohan Stephenes Iohan lemman Philip Excestre et Iohan Sutton burgeises de <7> mesme la ville et de Robert Poyntz Esquier del Countee de Gloucestre et plusours autres de noz <8> Comburgeises gentz dignes de foy et de credence et illeques de sa propre bouche et volounte confessa <9> et recorda qun Thomas Steward' de Gloucestre dona et enfeffa le dit sire Nichol Adam Thomas <10> Fraunceys iaditz Vicair de lesglise de Dutton Iohan Risby et William Heyberer en le Manoir de <11> Aylmynton'

<sup>1</sup> regnum, *repeated*.



en Saltemerssh' oue toutz ses appurtenances deinz le Countee de Gloucestre suisdit a eaux <12> et a lour heirs a toutz iours sur condicion' dacomplir et parfournier la volounte de dit Thomas <13> Steward' et qapres le dit feffement issint fait; les ditz Thomas Fraunceys Iohan Risby et William <14> Heyberer relesseron tout lour droit qils auoient en le dit Manoir de Aylmynton' a dit sire <15> Nichol Adam en sa possession' a luy et a sez heirs pour toutz iours Et qapres le dit sire Nichol <16> Adam vient a dit Thomas Steward' et luy demaunda sa volounte que ferroit oue le dit Manoir <17> de Aylmynton', le quel Thomas Steward' a luy declara sa volounte cestassauoir que le dit sire <18> Nichol Adam apres le decesse de dit Thomas Steward' enfefferoit Esmund Blount et Margarete <19> sa Femme file a dit Thomas Steward' en le dit Manoir de Aylmynton' oue toutz sez <20> appurtenances a auoir et tenir le dit Manoir oue toutz sez appurtenances as ditz Esmund <21> Blount et Margarete sa Femme et a les heirs de lour deaux corps engendrez Et si les ditz <22> Esmund et Margarete demeront saunz issue de lour deux corps engendrez, qadonque le dit <23> Manoir de Aylmynton' oue ses appurtenances remaindroit a les droitz heirs de dit Thomas <24> Steward' pur toutz iours Et outre le dit sire Nichol Adam dist expressement qil ne fist vnqes <25> aucun fait ne feffement contrarie a la volounte suisdite et ceo il iurra ouertement deuant nous <26> Et puis outre le dit sire Nichol Adam supplia nous Iohan Canynges Mair et Robert Bakkester Viscont <27> auantditz pur enroller et mettre en recorde en la Gihalde de Bristuyt tout la matire auantdictie <28> en saluacion de chescun droit en temps auenir Et nous Iohan Canynges Mair et Robert Bakkester <29> Viscont auantditz al especial request et prier de dit sire Nichol Adam auoms regestre tout la matire <30> auantdite en la fourme come desuis est par luy a nous declare en la Chaumbre de Gihalde de Bristuyt <31> en la graunde rouge Papire entre autres Recordes en le lxx. foille de mesme la papire Et en <32> puis greindre euydence des matiers suisditz a cestez nos lettres patentz auoms mys le seal de <33> loffice del Mairalte de la ville de Bristuyt Et auxint les auantditz Thomas Knap' Robert Poyntz <34> Iohan Stephenes Iohan Lemman Philip Excestre et Iohan Sutton' adonques presentz et oiauntz les <35> matiers auantditz a cestez lettres ount mys lour seals Don' a Bristuyt le sisme iour de <36> Nouembre lan du reigne notre dit Seigneur le Roy Richard uynt et seconde.



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De terra  
pertinenti  
priori  
sancti  
Iacobi.

<1> Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit  
 Thomas permissione diuina Abbas Monasterii beate Marie de  
 <2> Teukesbury et eiusdem loci Conuentus salutem in domino  
 Cum nuper Iohannes Stone Burgensis ville Bristollie <3> per  
 quoddam scriptum suum tripartitum dederit et concesserit  
 Ricardo Wircestre priori ecclesie sancti Iacobi Bristollie et  
 prioribus <4> qui pro tempore ibidem fuerint duo Mesuagia et  
 vnam shopam cum pertinenciis in Bristollia et suburbiis eiusdem  
 ville <5> Habenda et tenenda sibi et prioribus qui pro tempore  
 ibidem fuerint sicut in dicto scripto tripartito plenius continetur  
 Tenor <6> cuius scripti sequitur in hec verba Omnibus Christi  
 fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum tripartitum peruenerit Iohannes  
 Stone <7> Burgensis ville Bristollie salutem in domino Sciatis  
 me de licencia Henrici dei gracia Regis Anglie et Francie et domini  
 hibernie de <8> dat' apud Westonasterium Octauo die Iunii anno  
 regni sui primo dedisse concessisse et hoc presenti scripto meo  
 tripartito <9> confirmasse dilecto michi in Christo Ricardo Wircestre  
 Priori ecclesie Sancti Iacobi Bristollie duo Mesuagia et vnam  
 shopam cum pertinenciis <10> in Bristollia et suburbiis eiusdem  
 ville Habenda et tenenda sibi et prioribus qui pro tempore ibi  
 fuerint imperpetuum ad inueniendum <11> vnum Monachum ad  
 altare sancti Thome in ecclesia parochiali sancti Iacobi Bristollia  
 vnam missam singulis diebus celebraturum <12> imperpetuum  
 dummodo illud altare sit idoneum et honestum in vestimentis et  
 aliis necessariis debitis adsuper celebrandum Pro qua <13> quidem  
 donacione et concessione predictus Prior concessit per presentes  
 pro se et prioribus qui pro tempore ibidem fuerint quod pro  
 <14> qualibet die qua dicta missa vt premittitur celebrata non  
 fuerit nisi causa rationabilis subfuerit Soluendos Maiori ville  
 <15> Bristollie et procuratoribus ecclesie sancti Iacobi eiusdem  
 ville qui pro tempore fuerint quadraginta denarios quorum  
 viginti denarii <16> ad opus dicti Maioris conuertantur et alii  
 viginti denarii pro salute anime Iohannis Wynchestre per  
 discrecionem procuratorum predictorum <17> et eorum  
 ordinacionem disponantur et expendantur Prouiso tamen quod  
 si dicta Mesuagia et shopa ratione alicuius iuris siue tituli <18> in  
 toto seu in parte disracionata seu recuperata versus Abbatem de  
 Teukesbury aut predictum priorem vel priores qui pro <19>  
 tempore ibidem fuerint imposterum existant nulla habita  
 collusionione ex parte predicti Abbatis vel successorum suorum aut  
 dicti prioris <20> qui pro tempore fuerit vel quod illa per



inimicorum inuasionem seu alias perturbaciones in regno emergentes per ipsum priorem <21> ineuitabiles destructa fuerint ita quod redditus vel proficuum inde haberi non poterit ad opus dicti Prioris quod extunc <22> missa predicta pro toto seu pro rata temporis secundum illud quod disracionatum vel recuperatum seu vt premittitur destructum <23> fuerit omnino cesset et quod idem Prior et priores qui pro tempore ibidem fuerint in huiusmodi casu vt predictum est a dicta missa <24> exonerentur Et vult et concedit dictus Prior pro se et prioribus qui pro tempore ibidem fuerint quod si dicta missa non fuit <25> debite celebrata secundum formam istarum ordinacionum et composicionum quod extunc bene licebit Maiori ville Bristollie <26> qui pro tempore fuerit in dictis duobus Mesuagiis et shopa<sup>1</sup> <27> distringere et districciones retinere quousque pena predicta in forma predicta <28> persoluatur Et si districtio sufficiens in dictis duobus Mesuagiis et shopa inueniri non poterit tunc bene licebit <29> eidem Maiori in omnibus terris et tenementis dicti prioratus infra libertatem ville Bristollie predictae existentibus <30> distringere et districciones in eisdem inuentas retinere quousque dicta pena vt premittitur plenarie fuerit soluta <31> In cuius rei testimonium vni parti harum composicionum ego Iohannes Stone sigillum meum apposui aliis vero <32> duabus partibus dictarum composicionum ego dictus Prior sigillum meum apposui Dat' Bristollia quarto-decimo die <33> Iunii anno regni Regis Henrici quarti post conquestum primo Nos prefati Abbas et Conuentus donacionem et <34> concessionem predictas ratas habentes et gratas eas pro nobis et successoribus nostris imperpetuum acceptamus affirmamus <35> et quantum in nobis est approbamus In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum comune presentibus apposuimus <36> Dat' in domo nostra Capitulari Teukesburie Vicesimo die Mensis Iunii Anno regni Regis Henrici <37> quarti post conquestum primo

[Folio 71 b.] GRANT No. 28.

DATED : 28th August, 1400.

#### PARTIES

- 1) Jacob Goos, son of Jacob Goos of Westbury, Wiltshire.
- 2) Robert Shipward' and Johanna, his wife.

#### PARCELS

A messuage and two shops in Mersshstret (otherwise Scatepulstret) formerly belonging to Jacob Tylly, situate

<sup>1</sup> inveniri non poterit tunc bene licebit eidem Maiori in omnibus terris et tenementis dicti prioratus, *struck through*.



between a tenement lately belonging to John Belcher', and a tenement lately belonging to Edmund Blanket' and extending from the same street to the Lawdych'.

## HABENDUM

To Robert Shipward' and his wife, Johanna, and the heirs and assigns of Robert.

## WARRANTY Usual.

SEALED BY the parties of the first part.

## WITNESSES

Thomas Knap', mayor, Thomas Blount, sheriff, Geoffrey Barbour and Thomas Gloucestr', bailiffs and chamberlains, John Barstaple, William Wermynstre, Richard Panes, Thomas Norton', Walter Sturmy etc :

RELEASE No. 13.

DATED : 1st September, 1400.

PARTIES, PARCELS, HABENDUM, SEAL and WITNESSES as in Grant No. 28.

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<4> Die Martis proximo ante festum sancti Michaelis Archiangeli. Anno regni regis Henrici quarti post conquestum <5> primo ; compertum fuit in Gyhalda Bristollie coram Maiore et Vicecomite eiusdem ville ; Ac coram <6> quadraginta hominibus de communi consilio predicte ville quod dominus Iohannes Knyght'oun vnus nuper Capellorum <7> Cantarie Walteri Frompton' inductus fuit et institutus in ecclesia siue Rectoria de Wroxhale <8> que dudum vacauit per mortem domini Willelmi Forde vltimi Rectoris defuncti ecclesie predicte <9> et ea decausa Cantaria in qua predictus Iohannes Knyght'oun fuit titulus in ecclesia sancti Iohannis <10> Bristoll' bene apparebat dictis Maiori et Vicecomiti ac omnibus probis hominibus predictis de consilio predicte <11> ville in Aula predicta coadunatis ; quod dicta Cantaria fuit vacua et inconsult' ; quapropter <12> Thomas Knapp' Maior ville Bristollie tunc temporis tanquam verus patronus Cantarie <13> predicte virtute ordinacionum et compositionum predicti Walteri Frompton' cuidam Nicholao <14> Woonsy capellano Cantariam predictam conferebat ; et ipsum Nicholaum in Realem possessionem <15> Cantarie predicte imposuit ; prout in quibusdam litteris ipsius Maioris plenius continetur. Tamen <16> concordatum est et ordinatum tam ex assensu Maioris Vicecomitis et proborum hominum predictorum ; quam <17> ipsius Nicholai quod si predictus Iohannes Knyght'oun ab



ecclesia siue Rectoria de Wroxhale predicta <18> aliqua de causa fuerit imposterum depriuatus; tunc in huiusmodi casu post annum proximum <19> sequentem completum; predictus Nicholaus Cantariam predictam in manus Maioris ville predictae <20> qui pro tempore fuerit resignabit; ea intencione; quod idem Maior qui pro tempore fuerit predicto <21> Johanni Knygh'toun Cantariam predictam conferet et in Realem possessionem Cantarie predictae <22> imponet iuxta formam Ordinacionum predicti Walteri Frompton' Prouiso semper quod <23> quam cito predicta Cantaria vacaueritur; vel Cantaria domini Ricardi Bekford vacaueritur; quod Maior <24> ville predictae qui pro tempore fuerit incontinenter Cantariam que citius vacauerit predictorum <25> Iohannis et Ricardi predicto Nicholao conferet; et ipsum inde in Realem possessionem iuxta formam <26> composicionum predicti Walteri Frompton' imponet vt predictum est, Ad que omnia facienda <27> pro parte predicti Nicholai; idem Nicholaus recognouit se teneri predicto Iohanni Knygh'toun per quamdam <28> recognucionem [*sic*] Stapule Bristoll' in Centum libris sterlingorum Unde littera obligatoria in <29> communi Cista ville predictae remanebit custodienda sub condicionibus predictis, Et consimili modo <30> predictus Johannes Knygh'toun recognouit se teneri predicto Nicholao Woonsy in Centum libris sterlingorum <31> per quamdam recognucionem [*sic*] stapule predictae; vnde littera obligatoria in communi Cista ville predictae <32> remanebit; quod idem Johannes Knygh'toun nichil faciet nec operabit contra ordinacionem et concordiam <33> predictas; vnde dictus Nicholaus in aliquo non molestetur aut grauetur.

[Folio 72 b.] GRANT No. 29.

DATED: 20th January, 1401.

#### PARTIES

- 1) Richard Chedder', son and heir of Robert Chedder'.
- 2) Thomas Brooke, knight.

#### RECITAL

That the party of the second part and his wife, Johanna, held for the life of Johanna Chedder' (mother of Richard Chedder') certain lands, rents, tenements and reversions in Bristol and suburbs, and that the reversion, subject to such life interest, was in the party of the first part.



## OPERATIVE PART

Grant of such reversion to Thomas Brooke for his own life.  
WARRANTY Usual.

SEALED BY Richard Chedder' and the mayor (William Frome).

⟨19⟩ Ceste endenture faite parentre moun sieur Thomas Brooke et Dame Iohane sa femme ⟨20⟩ dun part ; et Richard Chedder' fitz et heire de Roberd Chedder' daultre part tesmoigne ⟨21⟩ Coment le dit Richard ad approue ratefie et conferme al dicte Dame Iohane sa Miere ⟨22⟩ par ycestes lestat dez toutz lez terres rentes et tenementz Manoirs boys prees pasteze et ⟨23⟩ pastures Comunes Fees et aduowesonez et dez toutz aultres enhabitauncez et seruisez oue ⟨24⟩ lour appurtenauncez ; si bien en demene come en Reuersioun quell' la dicte Dame Iohane ⟨25⟩ ad en possessioun, et cleyme de auer iour de la fesaunce de cestez a terme de sa vie del ⟨26⟩ heritage de dit Richard ; es Countees de Deueneschire Somers' Gloucestre et Brystuyt . ⟨27⟩ Ensement le dit Richard ad ratefie approue et conferme par ycestes ; toutz maners de lessez ⟨28⟩ et estatez queux lez ditz moun sieur Thomas et Dame Iohane sa femme ount fait a lour ⟨29⟩ tenauntz dez tenementz auaunt ditz en lez Countees susditz issint que le dit Richard' ad graunte ⟨30⟩ par ycestes ; qil nauera accioun ne cleyme vers nulls dez ditz tenauntz pur defaire ascun ⟨31⟩ estat dez ditz tenauntz dez tenementz auaunt ditz ; Einz qil soit et serra barre par force dycestez ⟨32⟩ ascun chose affaire ou sustiner en defesaunce del estat dez ditz tenauntz dez tenementz ⟨33⟩ auaunt ditz ou de ascun parcell' dycell', Et outre le dit Richard voet et graunte par ycestez pour ⟨34⟩ tenir ferme et stable toutz maners dez vendez dez boys ; et dez fynes faitz ou leueez par ⟨35⟩ ascun maner ; par les ditz moun sieur Thomas et Dame Iohane sa femme lour Seneschall' ⟨36⟩ officers Baillifs prouostes et seruauntz sauns enpechement de luy ou de sez heires ⟨37⟩ Et que semblablement moun dit Sieur Thomas et Dame Iohane sa Femme en apres pourront

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[Anno regni regis Henrici]

## QUARTI POST CONQUESTUM SECUNDO

⟨1⟩ faire vende de boys et prendre et Faire fynz pur toutz causes et en toute maner comez ⟨2⟩ ils ount eu et vseez par lour ordeignaunce et deuys auant cez heures oue toutz aultres issues et profitz, ⟨3⟩ Issint toute foithe que apres la mort del dicte



dame Iohane; la enhabitaunce dez tenementz auaunt <4> ditz si bien en demene; come en Reuersioun soit saue al dit Richard et a ses heires <5> soloncque ceo que la ley et comme droit demaundout, et sauaut ensemment as ditz tenauntz <6> toute foithe lour estates et a chescun de eaux des tenementz auaunt ditz come auaunt est <7> dit; issint que le dit Richard ne prendra nulle auauntage ou benefice en ley; a <8> cause que lez nouns dez ditz tenauntz ne lour tenure ne sount pas comprises en <9> especial en cestez endentures, Einz le dit Richard voet et graunte par ycestes que lez ditz tenauntz <10> purrount lealment clamer lour estat de lour tenementz auxi fraunchement come il fust <11> escript en especial en cestes endentures; et qils puisssout especialment declarer' lour <12> estat dez ditz tenementz et de chescun parcell' dycell' a quell' temps qils soiount enpechees <13> ou chalaungeez en ascun maner de lour estat par le dit Richard ou sez heires, Et outre <14> le dit Richard' voet et graunte par ycestes pur luy et ses heires que a quell' temps qil ou <15> sez heires en ascun temps apres soiount requys par lez ditz moun sieur Thomas ou Dame <16> Iohane sa femme pour confermer ascun estat en especial dez tenauntz susditz <17> qil soit tenuz par force de ycestez del le faire ataunt de foithe come il soit a ceo <18> par eaux requys, En tesmoignaunce de quell' chose lez partiez auaunt ditz a ycestes <19> endentures entrechaungeablement ount mys lour sealx, Et moy William Frome <20> Meire de Bristuyt al especial preyer' des ditz partiez le seal del office del Meiralte <21> del ville de Bristuyt ensemment ay mys a ycestes Don' le Marsdy proschein deuant <22> le feste de Saint Hillar' lan du regne le Roy henry quarte puy le conquest <23> seconde.

<24> Memorandum that the thrid day of' the Moneth' of Marche In the vj<sup>th</sup> yere of the <25> reign' of King Henry the vij<sup>th</sup> in a commune counsaill' than' holden' before Iohn' Stephens <26> Maire of the Towne of Bristowe William Regent Shiref' of the same Towne and <27> theire brethern' of the commune Counsaill' of the saide Town', It was enacted' and <28> establisshed among other thinges. that from' hensforth the iiij Sergeantis of the <29> Maires Courte that now be and hereafter shalbe, shall' take and haue to theire <30> propre vse iiij d. of euery Foreyner at whos request desire or prayer they or any of <31> theym' by the commaundement of the saide Maire or of his successours Maires of' <32> the saide Town' for the tyme being shalbe sent in any message to any persone <33> being within the said Town'.



⟨34⟩ Also that the saide iij Sergeantis shalle from' hensforth, take and haue to theirre ⟨35⟩ propre vse of the fees that euery Foreynr hereafter shalle pay for seurtie of ⟨36⟩ peace vj d. whiche the Chambrelaynes of Bristowe hertofore haue vsed' to ⟨37⟩ receyue to thuse of the Chambre. And that from' hensforthe the saide Chambrelayn' ⟨38⟩ nor his successours shall not receyue any parte of suche fees.

GRANT No. 30.

[Folio LXXIII b.] DATED: 30th January, 1385.

PARTIES

- 1) William Thrisford', clerk, Thomas Beaupyne, Thomas Knap'.
- 2) William Wodeford', merchant, and Alicia, his wife.

PARCELS

- a) Tenements situate in Baldewynstret and Merschstret, as to the former, between a tenement, formerly belonging to Richard le White, held by Johanna de Brompton' from the chaplains of the Kalendars of Bristol and a vacant place belonging to John Canynges, and as to the latter, between a tenement formerly belonging to Henry Cobyndon' and then held by Walter Sturmy, and a tenement belonging to Walter Frompton' in which Edmund Beauflour lived.
- b) Two tenements with cellars adjacent situate in Baldewynstret between tenements belonging to John Somervyle and John Barstaple.
- c) A tenement situate at the corner of Smalstret and Cornestret between tenements belonging to Thomas Broke and Johanna, his wife, and John Sprakman, in which John Wythendon' lived.
- d) Three shops with curtillages situate on St. Austynnesbak between tenements formerly belonging to John Bathe and to the Churchwardens of St. Augustine's Church, Bristol.
- e) Two tenements with a cellar adjoining one of them, situate on the Avon Bridge, one lying in the Western part of the said bridge between tenements belonging to John Yonge and John Thorp', and the other on the Eastern part of the said bridge between tenements belonging to Henry Calff and Adam Pountfreyt.
- f) A messuage with shop and curtillage adjoining and with one shed built in the curtillage, situate in Templestret, between a tenement belonging to John Bount, and a tenement inhabited by John Horlok.



- g) Rent of 13s. 4d. (of assize), payable annually from the tenement held by John Martyn, butcher.
- h) Rent of assize of 22s. issuing out of two tenements, situate in Redeclyvestret and held by William Panter.
- i) 4s. rent payable by William Canynges for a certain easement of four doors opening towards the curtillage which William Notte held.

## HABENDUM

To William Wodeford' and Alice, his wife, and the heirs and assigns of Alice.

SEALED by the parties of the first part and by the mayor.

## WITNESSES

Walter Derby, mayor, Thomas Sampson', sheriff, John Yong' and William Solers, bailiffs and chamberlains, Elias Spelly, William Canynges, John Candever, John Bount, John Stanys, Thomas Wilteschir etc.

## SETTLEMENT NO. I.

DATED: 1st October, 1380.

## PARTIES

- 1) William Somerton' and Margery, his wife.
- 2) John White, fisher, and Margery, his wife (daughter of the parties of the first part).

## OPERATIVE PART

Grant in liberum maritagium of 26s. 8d., an annual rent issuing out of a tenement in the High Street, in which Edward Goldesmyth' then lived, and situate between a tenement belonging to the Abbot and Convent of Teukesbury, then held by Walter Woderoue, and a tenement belonging to Thomas Lyouns, then held by Walter Gilas, and extending from the High Street to a tenement belonging to the Prior of Bath, in which Edith Osteler lived.

## HABENDUM

To the parties of the second part and the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten, and in default of heirs to William Somerton' and Margery, his wife, and the heirs of Margery.

WARRANTY Usual.

SEALED BY the parties of the first part, and by the mayor.

## WITNESSES

Walter Derby, mayor, William Somerwell', sheriff, Robert Gardener and John Canynges, bailiffs and chamberlains, John Woderoue, John Ripere, Simon Halewey, John Launcelyn, Walter Gilas etc.

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[Folio 74 b.] CHARTER OF FEOFFMENT NO. 7.

DATED: 20th January, 1385.

PARTIES

- 1) William Wodeford'.
- 2) William Thrisforde, Thomas Beaupyne, Thomas Knap'.

PARCELS

As in Grant No. 30.

HABENDUM

To the parties of the second part, their heirs and assigns.

Folio 75, WARRANTY Usual.

marked SEALED BY William Wodeforde and the mayor.

LXXIII. WITNESSES as in Grant No. 30.

[Folio 75 b.] GRANT NO. 31.

DATED: 17th September, 1408.

PARTIES

- 1) Thomas Slye, executor of the will of his wife, Juliana, who was the executor of the will of her first husband, John Hyham.
- 2) John Sherp'.

RECITALS

- a) That John Hyham, by his will and according to the custom of Bristol, devised to Juliana for her life the tenement in which he lived, situate in Bradstrete, and directed that after his death the tenement should be sold and the proceeds devoted to pious uses for the benefit of the souls of himself, Juliana, and his parents.
- b) That the sale in accordance with the will had not been effected.
- c) Appointment of Thomas Slye, as executor of the will of Juliana, to carry out the last wishes of John Hyham.

OPERATIVE PART

In consideration of a certain sum of money paid by the party of the second part, the above mentioned property was conveyed to him, his heirs and assigns.

SEALED BY Thomas Slye and the mayor.

WITNESSES

Thomas Blount, mayor, Thomas Yonge, sheriff, John Spyne and Robert Barstaple, bailiffs, Philip Excestre, John Sutton', John Bailly etc.

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[Folio 76 b.]

TEMPORE JOHANNIS DROYS MAIORIS VILLE  
BRISTOLLIE ANNO REGNI [REGIS HENRICI QUARTI  
POST CONQUESTUM UNDECIMO]

Licencia  
concessa  
Willelmo  
Thamworth'  
Clerico,  
Bernardo  
Mulleward'  
Roberto  
Shepherd' et  
Thome  
Botiller per  
Maiozem et  
Communitatem  
Bristollie de  
licencia  
mortificand'  
diuersa  
terra et  
tenementa in  
Bristollia  
tenta de  
dicta  
Communitate  
cuidam  
Cantarie  
Roberti chepe.

⟨1⟩ Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens Scriptum peruenerit Iohannes Droys Maior ville Bristollie ⟨2⟩ et Communitas eiusdem ville salutem in domino. licet de communi consilio Regni Anglie statutum sit quod non ⟨3⟩ liceat viris religiosis seu aliis ingredi feodum alicuius ita quod terre vel tenementa ad manum mortuam ⟨4⟩ deueniant sine licencia domini Regis et Capitalis domini de quo res illa immediate tenetur. Ob ⟨5⟩ incrementum tamen et augmentationem cultus diuine [*sic*] concessimus et licenciam dedimus per presentes ⟨6⟩ pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris Willelmo Thamworth' Clerico Bernardo Mulleward' Roberto ⟨7⟩ Shepherd' et Thome Botiller qui quandam Cantariam de vno Capellano diuina singulis diebus ⟨8⟩ ad altare sancti Nicholai in Capella sancti Thome Martiris in Suburbio Bristollie pro animabus Roberti ⟨9⟩ Chepe nuper Burgensis eiusdem ville et Agnetis nuper vxoris eius ac animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum ⟨10⟩ celebratur' imperpetuum de licencia domini nostri Regis Henrici quarti post Conquestum fundare facere ⟨11⟩ stabilire et creare intendunt quod predicti Willelmus Thamworth', Bernardus Mulleward', Robertus ⟨12⟩ Shepherd' et Thomas Botiller postquam predictam Cantariam vt premittitur fundauerint vnum Mesua-⟨13⟩gium et duas Shopas in Suburbio ville Bristollie in Redeclyuestrete; que quidem Mesuagium et Shope ⟨14⟩ tenentur de Communitate predicta vt de feodo nuper Arthuri, vnum Mesuagium et tres Shopas in dicta villa ⟨15⟩ Bristollie in Seinte Mariestrete et in vico de Defence, et vnum Mesuagium in Suburbio eiusdem ville ⟨16⟩ in Mersshestrete cum suis pertinenciis que tenentur de predicta Communitate pro eo quod eadem Communitas habet et tenet ⟨17⟩ villam Bristollie cum redditibus et omnibus aliis suis Iuribus et pertinenciis ex concessione Domine Iohanne ⟨18⟩ Regine Anglie dare concedere et assignare possint Capellano Cantarie predictae sic fundande ⟨19⟩ faciende stabiliende et creande. Habenda sibi et Successoribus suis Capellanis eiusdem Cantarie sic fundande ⟨20⟩ faciende stabiliende et creande diuina pro animabus predictis ad altare predictum iuxta ordinationem predictam ⟨21⟩ Willelmi Thamworth' Bernard' Mulleward' Roberti Shepherd' et Thome Botiller in hac parte ⟨22⟩ faciendam celebratur' in partem



sustentacionis sue imperpetuum. Statuto predicto seu eo quod predicta <23> tria Mesuagia et quinque Shope cum suis pertinenciis que de nobis tenentur vt supradictum est non <24> obstante. Saluis tamen nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris seruiciis inde debitis et consuetis In cuius <25> rei testimonium Sigillum nostrum commune presentibus apposuimus Dat' in Gihalda Bristollie quinto <26> die Octobris Anno regni Regis Henrici quarti post Conquestum vndecimo.

[Folio 77 is blank.]

[Folio 77 b.] GRANT NO. 32.

DATED : 8th September, 1425.

PARTIES

- 1) John Wermynstre, son and heir of William Wermynstre.
- 2) John Tynby, otherwise Hewys, Baker, and Margery, his wife.

PARCELS

A tenement situated in Mershstrete between a tenement of Henry Viell' and a tenement of the Abbot and convent of Glastonbury, and extending from Mershstrete to a tenement belonging to the Prior and Brethren of the Kalendars.

HABENDUM

To John Tynby and his wife, their heirs, and assigns.

WARRANTY Usual.

SEALED BY John Wermynstre.

WITNESSES

John Shipward', senior, John Troyte, John Vyell', senior, Henry Tolle, hooper, William Hokeford', mason, etc :

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LXXVIII

ORDINACIONES TEMPORE ROBERTI STURMY MAIORIS  
ANNO REGNI REGIS HENRICI VIth XXXIII°. die sequenti  
etc.

<1> Memorandum that the Sondai the Morwe apon' the Exaltacion of the crosse the yere <2> of the regne of Kynge Henry the sexte the xxxiiij<sup>the</sup> Robert Sturmy that time Maire <3> Iohn' Burton' Iohn Sherp' thelder Clement Bagot William Canynges Iohn' Stanley <4> Iohn' Shipward William Coder John' Troyt William Pavy Thomas Hore, with' alle <5> the notable persones of the hooll' commune Councell' of the town' of Bristowe, assemblid



in <6> thair Councell' house, And bi thair right' discriet and sad advisement' Chosen' <7> Richard Hatter to be Maire of Bristow duringe the yere next comynge, Thomas Rogere <8> Phelip Meed and John' Sherp' the yonger for the eleccion of Sherreff', William Howton' <9> and John' Cogan' mercer for the Officers of Baillyfs, Which' Maire and alle <10> the notable persones forsaid aftyr the said eleccion 'doon' inacted and establisshed the <11> ordinaunces that folwen'

Towneclerke.

<12> IN primis hit is ordeyned inacted and establllysshed that any Officer and seruaut <13> of Tounclerk' of this town' of Bristowe that shall be fro this dai forward <14> shall not plead noo plees within the yeld' halle ne other places within the town' <15> of Bristowe ayenst any burgeys of the said town' but only in his owne cause <16> or matier, and more ouer shall not plead ne be of Councell' with' any estraunger <17> ayenst any of the said Burgeises, And yef<sup>1</sup> any suche Tounclerk' Officer <18> lyke to be of Councell' and plead in any Courtes and places within this <19> said town' with a burgeys of this said town' ayenst any estraunger to aske <20> licen<sup>ce</sup> of the Maire for the time to be of any suche Councell'

The Meyres  
Sergeantis

<21> Item hit is ordeynid and enacted that iiij, Officers seruauntz of the Mace whiche <22> been assigned to serue and yeue attendaunce to the Maire for the yere shall' <23> execute and deserue for thair due Fees alle playntz or billes of trespase <24> taken' bi any persone be fore the said Maire and Sherref', And that noo <25> Baillyf' Erraunt ne other Officer of the Tolsey court shall' fro hens <26> forward serue any plaint of trespase or bille taken' be fore the said Maire <27> and Sherreff' ne taak' no fees therof.

[Folio 78 b is blank.]

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ORDINACIONES STABILITE TEMPORE RICARDI HATTER  
MAIORIS ANNO REGIS HENRICI VI<sup>u</sup> POST CONQUESTUM  
XXXIII<sup>o</sup>

<1> MEMORANDUM that the tywesdai next before the fest of Saint Martyn' <2> in Wynter the yere of the regne of Kynge Henry the sexte aftyr the <3> Conquest the xxxiiij<sup>the</sup>, Richard Hatter Maire

<sup>1</sup> But, *struck through* ; And yef, *interlined*.



of Bristowe Iohn' Burton' <4> Clement Bagot William Cannynges Iohn' Stanley Iohn' Shipward' <5> William Coder Robert Sturmy William Pavy Iohn' Troyte Thomas <6> Meed with' other notable persones of the commune Councell' of the said town' <7> assemblid in thair Councell' House hauen' enacted and establysshed <8> the ordinaunces and actes that folwyn'

<9> In primis the said Maire and notable persones For certayn' causes and consideracions <10> suche as moue thaim haue vtterly remoued and put away Iohn' Ioce <11> last Tounclerk' of Bristowe forsaied fro the Office of Tounclerk' <12> And the saide Ioce neuer to be accepted in to the said Office herafter

The Meyres  
Sergeantis

<13> Item the said Maire and notable persones assemblid in maner and fourme <14> forsaied the dai aboue said For the good reule of the courte of the <15> Staple to be had fro hens forward hauen' ordeynid and enacted <16> that iiij Sergeantis of the mace, which' custumably yeuen <17> attendaunce vnto the Maire shall be attendaunt vn to the said <18> Court in seruynge and executinge Warantis and comaundementis <19> of the said courte, so that euery playntiff' in the same courte may <20> haue his libertee to haue oon' of the said iiij Sergeantis to serue <21> his playnt and execucion aftyr the rewle and Custumes <22> of the same Courte etc :

<23> Hit is ordeyned by the Maire Sherreff' and commune Councell' of the town' <24> of Bristowe for asmuche as thai been' credibly enfourmed by diuerse <25> compleyntis to thaim y maad as well' of diuerse complayntis of <26> untrouthes disseytes Champerties and other mysgovernaunces affermed to be doon' <27> by Iohn' Ioce in the Kynge cortes seuerally holden before the Mayre Sherryf' <28> and Bayllyfs' of Bristowe as of diuerse disclaundres vntrew langage <29> by him saide of the said Officers and other notable men of the said commune Councell' <30> that the said Iohn Ioce shall' not been admitted to plead nor minestre any matier <31> as a man' of Councell' in any of the said courtis in to suche tyme he haue, be fore <32> the said Maire and commune Councell' sufficiently declared and excusid him self' of the premisses.







## APPENDIX

[*Referred to on p. 172.*]

THE *Memoranda Roll* (L.T.R., 46 Edward III, Recorda, Michaelmas, mm. 9 *sqq.*, P.R.O. reference E368/144) continues after the point where the entry in the *Great Red Book* ends, as follows :—

“ Ideo consideratum est quod predictus Willelmus de Somerwell’ quoad predictas xxli. quas imponitur ei quod ipse leuasse potuit de proficuis prouenientibus de Wayf’ et Stray et quoad predictas xl. li. quas imponitur ei quod ipse leuasse potuit de bonis et catallis prouenientibus de Wrek’ et quoad predictas xx. li. quas imponitur ei quod ipse leuasse potuit de catallis felonum et fugitiuorum vltra xxj s. iiij d. de quibus oneravit se in compoto predicto et quoad predictas x. li. quas imponitur ei quod ipse leuasse potuit de tolneto infra libertatem predictam vltra xvij li. xix. s. j d. de quibus oneravit se in compoto suo predicto, et de xls. quos imponitur ei quod ipse leuasse potuit de consuetudine textorum Pistorum, sutorum et regratarum vltra ls. iij d. de quibus oneravit, se in compoto suo eat ad presens sine die salua accione Regis si alias inde loqui voluerit Et predicti Maior et Balliui adiornantur vltorius vsque a die sancti Trinitatis in xv. dies in statu quo nunc. Ad quem diem predicti Maior et Balliui venerunt per dictum attornatum suum Et adiornantur vltorius vsque a die sancti Michaelis in xv dies in statu quo nunc etc.”

On this latter day the Mayor and Bailiffs again came by their attorney, and were again adjourned until fifteen days after the feast of St. Hilary, the process being repeated from term to term throughout the next four years. A day was given to them in the Trinity term of the fourth year to appear at Michaelmas, but during the interval Edward III died, so that the suit was without a day. Nevertheless, the Mayor and Bailiffs came on the date which had been given them, and were again adjourned from term



to term for another three years. In the Michaelmas term of the third year the Mayor and Bailiffs came by their attorney :—

“Et petunt iudicium etc: Et recitato toto processu predicto ; dictum est eisdem Maiori et Balliuis quod quoad proficua per ipsos recepta de pistoribus pro iudicio pillorie et clatis euitando eant ad presens sine die salua accione Regis si alias inde loqui voluerit. Set quoad proficua de finibus factis pro libertate habenda infra dictam villam Bristoll’ Curia vult habere deliberacionem antequam vlterius etc. Ideo datus est dies prefatis Maiori et Balliuis hic a die sancti Hillar’ in xv dies ad faciendum quod etc.”

The Mayor and Bailiffs came by their attorney on the appointed day, and the adjournments began again, from term to term until the deposition of Richard II, when the suit became once again without a day. As before, however, the Mayor and Bailiffs appeared by their attorney at the date which had been given to them :—

“et petunt iudicium in premissis Et quia Curia vult habere deliberacionem in premissis antequam vlterius etc datus est dies prefatis Maiori et Balliuis hic vsque a die sancti hillar’ anno primo dicti Regis Henrici quarti in xv. dies ad audiendum et faciendum quod etc. Ad quem diem predicti Maior et Balliui venerunt per dictum attornatum suum Et ob causam predictam habent diem vlterius vsque a die Pasche in xv. dies.”

The record ends at this point.



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